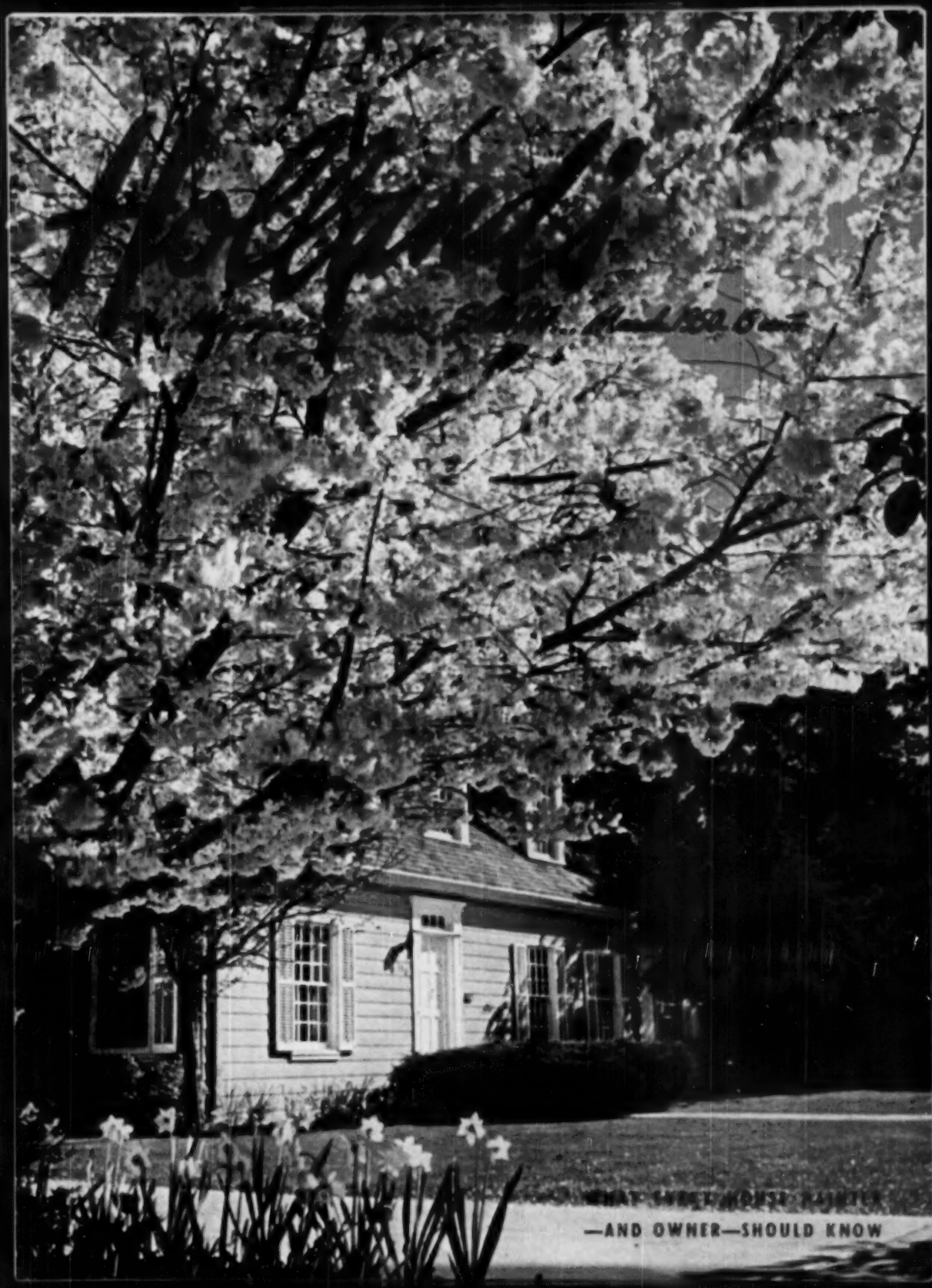

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Since magazines, like individuals, thrive on appreciation, we hardly need tell you that this deluge of letters has made us very happy. We only wish it were possible for us to acknowledge each one personally, but since this would necessitate keeping all hands busy at the typewriter, we must take this means of assuring you of our gratitude.

We also want to assure those of you who asked about the continuation of articles on Southern personalities that such articles will still appear at frequent intervals, and to cite Margot Gayle's article about Claud Herndon (page 19) as a case in point.

IF LIFE really begins at forty, the Camp Fire Girls, who celebrate their fortieth birthday this month, can look forward to a bright future indeed, for their record to date is a proud one. We congratulate them, and their new national president, Mrs. Richard W. Blalock of Marshall, Texas, as they pass this milestone.

Mrs. Blalock, whom Camp Fire Girls describe as "a dynamo with a Texas drawl," formed her first contact with the organization when her daughter, Anne, joined the Blue Birds, Camp Fire's junior group.

Mrs. Richard W. Blalock

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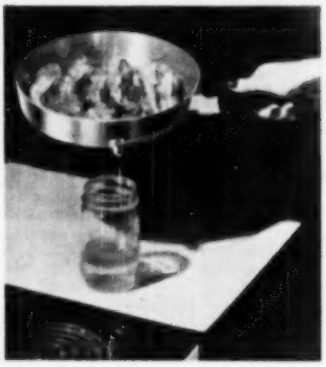

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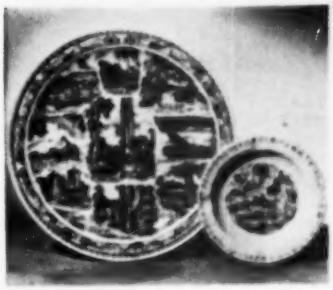

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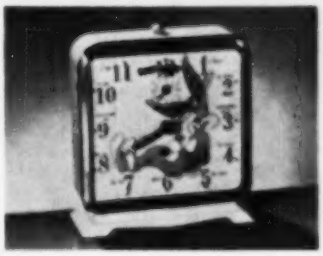

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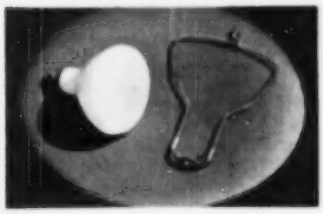

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HEALTH PROBLEMS of the School Child

By Frank Howard Richardson, M.D., F.A.C.P.

The "Baby Sitter" and the School Child

WHAT can baby sitting possibly have to do with a child who has reached the advanced age required for school attendance?

Quite a lot.

For the word "baby," in the extremely modern compound word "baby sitter," does not necessarily indicate the age of the person sat with! On the contrary, it may, and frequently does, refer to someone whose need for security and safety while his parents are away from home is more acute and pressing than is that of the infant for whom the word was coined.

A generation ago, there was no such word because there was no call for such a service. But drastic changes in our way of living have created a need that must be provided for. Household servants that live on the premises, once considered almost an essential of a respectable home, are now the exception rather than the rule, outside the homes of the very wealthy. Such household service as is still rendered by outsiders is done during the day—a servant who "lives in" is quite a rarity today.

Then too, whether for good or ill, the maiden aunt and the widowed grandmother are no longer standard equipment in the American home. Yesterday's self-sacrificing old maid is today's capable business executive or secretary, making a home for herself in an efficiency apartment. She is no longer the dreary, unsalaried attendant to the children of her brother or sister. And as for Grandma—well, Grandma doesn't live here any more, either, except in rather unusual cases.

Yet every young husband and wife are entitled to take an occasional evening off. The modern profession of baby sitting has grown out of this need and has proved a not too engrossing part-time avocation for all sorts of folks who are not averse to spending an occasional evening for profit without working very hard. And certainly it is not hard to sit by a sleeping baby for a few hours.

But the case of the school-age child who is to be left with a caretaker during the temporary absence of his parents, presents quite a different picture.

He cannot be tucked into bed, lulled to sleep, and thereafter forgotten while his attendant listens in on a radio program, reads the newspaper, or visits over the telephone.

How is he to be entertained until his bedtime? And how is he to be persuaded to go to bed when eight or nine o'clock comes around? If his parents have trouble getting him to bed under normal circumstances, what is to be expected of the substitute? What form of discipline may be employed?

In other words, while it doesn't take too much brain power or personality to qualify a sitter for spending a restful evening with a sleeping infant, a lot more initiative is required on the part of the person who undertakes the entertainment, study supervision, radio censorship, and bedtime routine that make up the agenda for the caretaker of a school age child. It takes some doing to find a person capable of it—and further doing to persuade her to take on the job for what it usually pays.

WHY is the choice so important? In answer, let's consider some of the disadvantages, not to say dangers, of engaging the wrong person. Bribery in the form of candy or other illicit inducements to procure "good" conduct; lurid radio programs, prolonged far part the established hour for lights out; threats to tell tales when parents come home; horror stories that it may take years to forget—these are but a few of the more frequent hazards. A few nights under the questionable tutelage of the wrong person may produce indelible personality damage. What then are parents to do in order to get an occasional evening off?

Perhaps the best solution is to secure the services of a mature single woman who has built up a select

clientele. Such a person's services will not be cheap. But whatever she charges will be justified by the sense of relief and security they provide. Not so good, but perhaps next best when available, are older high school girls or young college women. Any person selected should be required to produce unimpeachable references.

A fair, practical and economical solution for the average young couple is to exchange evenings out with some similarly situated husband and wife. A circle made up of young couples frequently runs a definite schedule of "sitting," thus getting dependable, experienced care for their children at no financial expense. And there are less conventional courses open to those who use their wits to solve their problem.

One artful couple in a large city offered their pleasant sitting room to a reputable young man and young woman who lived in hotels and had no other place to spend a quiet evening together. Another staged an occasional small informal party for a few unmarried friends, stipulating before they left that the party be kept reasonably quiet until the children had dropped off to sleep. Still another delayed the start of their evening out until the youngsters were asleep, after which time the neighbors in the apartment below came up at half-hourly intervals to see that all was well. Other ingenious solutions will suggest themselves to young couples who realize that an occasional night away from the job of parenthood makes it easier for them to discharge that job efficiently.

The one thing to be kept constantly in mind is the importance of the role of baby sitter (why can't someone think of a less ridiculous name for this vitally essential avocation?) whose charge is the school age child. Too much cannot be said in condemnation of parents who assign this crucial task to adolescent boys of whose character they know little or nothing. The same is true to but a slightly lesser degree in the case of irresponsible girls. Irreparable damage can be brought about in an amazingly short time by incompetents who are permitted to bungle what seems a simple task, yet is in reality a most important one.

The evening at home, and the ritual of going to bed, constitute crucial parts of the lives of children. They cannot always be superintended by parents. But when parents take a night off, there should be a competent person to take over. Otherwise, serious damage may be done. This fact should be constantly borne in mind by parents.

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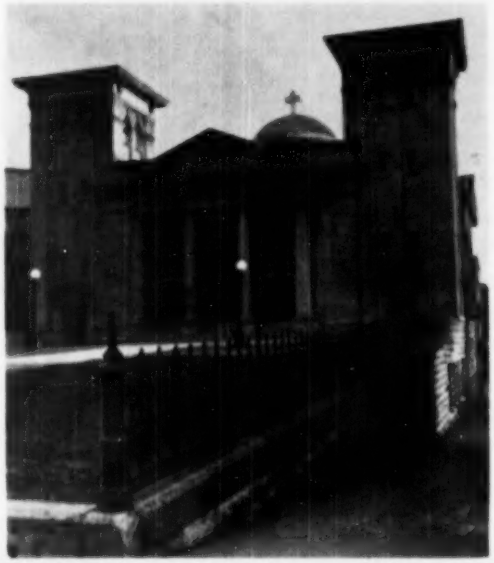

McKendree Methodist Church
Nashville, Tennessee

THE history of McKendree Methodist Church begins with the arrival of the first Methodist circuit rider in Tennessee. Back in 1787, Benjamin Ogden, twenty-three-year-old soldier of the Revolutionary War, came to the village crossroads to begin his service as Methodist missionary to the Cumberland Circuit.

He held services in Nashville's courthouse and in private homes in this village and at the other stops on his circuit.

At the end of the year his report described his work in Nashville and ended with the statement that he had "63 members, four of whom are colored." Wilson Lee followed Mr. Ogden, and it was his privilege to organize the first Society of Methodists in Nashville, to complete the first church building in the city in 1790, and to admit to church membership James Robertson, the founder of Nashville, and his wife, Charlotte.

The site of the first church was deeded to five selected members of the congregation by an Act of the First Tennessee Legislature which met in Knoxville on March 28, 1796. It was an important church and many of the early leaders of Methodism in the South preached in it.

The building was soon removed to make way for business houses and dwellings which bordered the public square. For five years the Methodists worshipped in the county jail, but this arrangement was far from satisfactory. In 1812, the church erected a building on Broad Street. The State Legislature was allowed to use it as a meeting place during the three sessions of 1812-1815. This church was soon too small and in 1817 the congregation built a large church on Spring Street on land given by George Poyser. This building covered the whole lot and the auditorium had galleries in the rear and on both sides. In 1818 it became a station and the pastor, John Johnson, received $232 and table expenses for the year's work to "care for his family of a wife and two children."

In March, 1832, the church purchased the site on which it now stands. The first McKendree Church was completed in 1833 and was dedicated by Bishop William McKendree for whom it was named. The Bishop preached in this church many times, and it was here on November 23, 1834, that he preached his last ser-

mon, sitting in a chair because he was too feeble to stand.

The second church on this site was dedicated on January 29, 1879. This building was known as the "high steeple church" and the congregation was exceedingly proud of it. When it burned on October 26, 1879, they erected a third church modeled after the burned one. Bishop Payne dedicated this church May 7, 1882. But McKendree seemed doomed, for this church, too, burned on July 4, 1905.

The congregation tried to move from the location but the Conference would not approve the sale of the property. So they rebuilt. The corner stone of the fourth structure was laid on November 9, 1907, and the first service in the new building was held on January 16, 1910.

McKendree Church is rich in its missionary traditions. Vanderbilt University, the Methodist Publishing House and many congregations in the city have been largely founded and fostered by her. Scores of missionaries have gone from the church to all parts of the world. Bishop W. R. Lambuth, famous Methodist missionary in China, was once the assistant pastor in this church.

The church holds a peculiar interest for the women of Southern Methodism, since it was here that "The Woman's Home and Foreign Bible Missions," predecessor of the Woman's Missionary Society, was organized in 1873 by Mrs. Martha Lavinia Kelley.

As far back as the entrance of Colonel Jimmy Jones into the Executive Office of the State, the church was the scene of the inauguration of the Governor. Aaron V. Brown, Neal Brown, William B. Campbell and William Trousdale were all inaugurated here. Andrew Johnson, inaugurated in 1835, was the last Governor to take the oath of office here. Johnson's second inaugural was held in the new State House.

Five pastors of McKendree have become bishops, and many of the prominent leaders in Methodist Sunday School work have come from this congregation. The church has become more than a venerable monument to Methodism in Nashville; it is an integral part of the Methodist Church of the South. Dr. King Vivion, the present pastor, has, since the beginning of his ministry at McKendree in 1935, added chapter after chapter to the annals of the church with his active work with civic organizations, home and school. McKendree remains a dynamic church. Its future, church leaders think, will be far greater than its past.

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There are two P's in Painting

One for the protection it will give your house, the other for the preparation essential to a successful job

BACK in Colonial days, a house that sparkled and gleamed with a fresh coat of paint signified social prestige and was a symbol monopolized by the town's leading citizens. Today we are all "leading citizens." While a well-painted house still indicates success and good living, plus pride in one's home and neighborhood, it also shows an appreciation and respect for the value of property.

Protecting your property with paint, safeguarding it against the assaults of weather and time, is one of the most economical and effective ways to keep your home in good condition and increase its market value. Incredible as it may seem in a country that boasts the highest living standard in the world, neglect of property costs owners some $600,000,000 each year—when much of this depreciation could be avoided by a timely paint job.

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Appearance is usually a reliable guide in deciding when your house needs a new exterior paint job. When the old paint has weathered thin and the color appears washed out you can be pretty sure a fresh coat is in order. But the indications are not always visible upon casual observation. For this reason, it's a good idea to give close inspection to the danger points of a structure—the sills, thresholds, porch floors and steps, joints of porch railings and palings, bases of pillars, edges of eaves, flashings, roof, gutters and down-spouts. A fresh coat of paint, when

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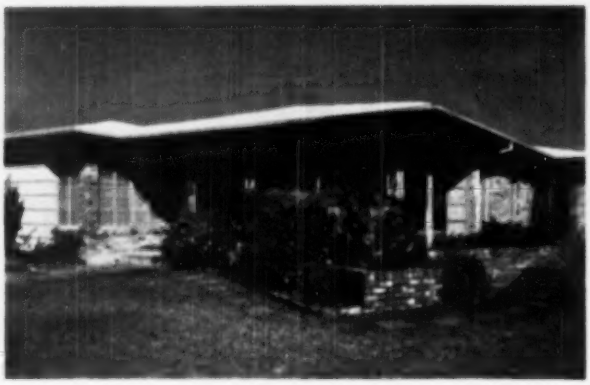
Built along the low, rambling lines so popular in the area, the Houston "dream house" bears small resemblance to the "Blandings'" houses built in other cities. Over-hanging eaves shade the interior and the white chipped marble roof reflects the sun's heat.



They made a "Dream House" into a Home

By LOU HENSLEE

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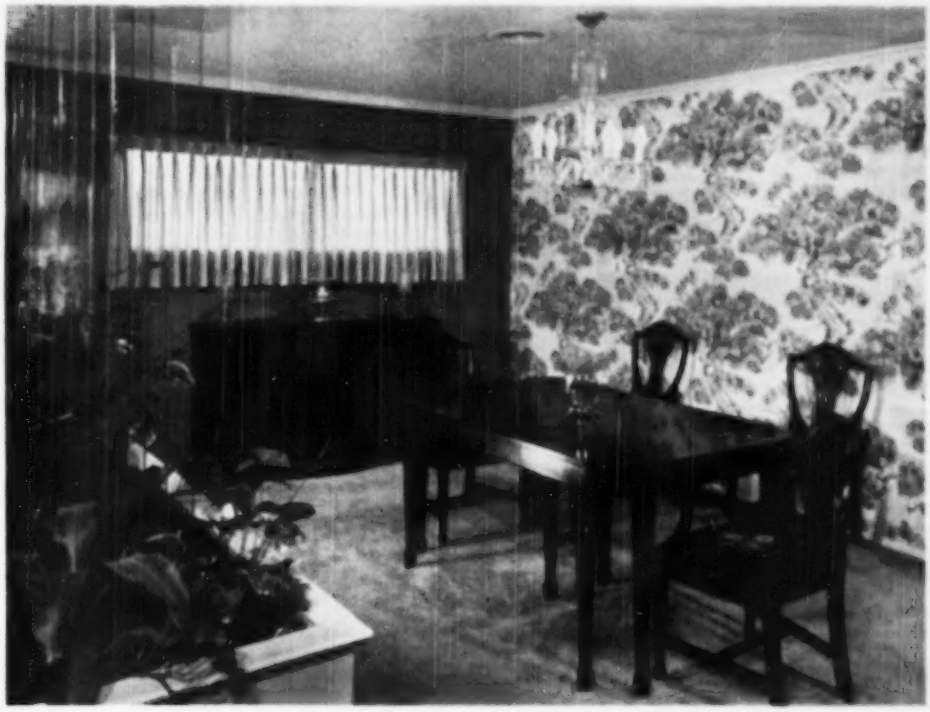
The Smiths bought the draperies and rugs with the house, but used their own furniture, collected over a period of years.

A table-high plant box, with felt-lined drawers beneath for storing silver and china, forms a partial partition between the living and dining areas. Glass panels rising from the box further the illusion of separate rooms.



Skilled specialists created an ideal house,

the Smiths added the touch that made it home

"IT TAKES a lot of living, even in a dream house, to make it home." That is the way Nona Smith explained the subtle changes she has made in her home in suburban Braewood, one of the newer residential sections of Houston.

And she should know, for about a year ago Nona and Bob Smith bought Houston's version of the "Blandings' Dream House" and started adding the personal touches which have made it unmistakably the "Smiths' home."

Their house differs in many respects from the one Cary Grant and Myrna Loy popularized in their movie dedicated to post-war home builders. The low, one-story pink brick structure was designed with full regard for the Houston climate and for the pleasant, informal way of life so typical of the Southwest.

H. R. Houck, the builder, made the house a model of convenience and comfort. In style, it follows no architectural fads—it will not date easily.

During the exhibition period, more than thirty thousand Houstonians trooped through the house and agreed that it deserved its title.

The knowing ones talked about the excellent site planning, the quality of workmanship, the compact installations. They noted the reflective quality of the white chip marble roof, and the fact that along with air-conditioning the builder had installed steel casement windows which could be opened in mild weather. They praised the efficiency of the floor plan.

Those with a flair for interior decoration were impressed by the contemporary furniture, the handsome fabrics and the interesting use of indoor plantings. The all-electric kitchen, laundry-service area, and generous storage closets caught the eye of every homemaker.

When Nona and Bob announced that they had bought the house, complete with electric appliances, draperies and floor coverings (they didn't buy the furniture), many Houstonians envied them. Some of their friends, however, were a little skeptical. "You'll never make a home out of a dream house," they said. "A house built and decorated as an exhibition piece always looks like the builder and the decorator instead of the people who live in it."

The Smiths just smiled, and Nona said, "Don't

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worry, this house suits as well as if it had been planned just for us."

And so the Smiths moved in, taking with them the furniture which they had used for years. The fact that it differed greatly from the furnishings of the exhibition period didn't bother them. They liked the furniture and it looked perfectly at home in its new setting.

The house had a spot for all the Smith's prized pieces. The subtle green living room walls and the light pine-paneled wall of the den made ideal backgrounds for the pictures which Nona had lugged back from Mexico, Colorado and New Orleans. In the den Bob found the perfect place for a cherished print, sent to him from England, of the first international golf foursome played on Leith Links in 1682. The den is one of the Smiths' favorite rooms. Here they read, listen to the radio and entertain informally. The room also doubles as a guest bedroom. It has one long storage wall which the Smiths use for their golf equipment. Since both of them are great golfers they have an unusual amount of paraphernalia. Here and there in the room are mementos of their travels, photographs, some unusual cartoons and knicknacks cherished by both of them.

The living-dining room with its large sunny windows appears spacious even when the curtains are drawn at night. The deep-pile, wall-to-wall chartreuse carpeting used in the room blends with the hand-blocked draperies. One of the most interesting decorative features is the long planting box which serves as a divider between the living and dining rooms. The planting box is sunk in the top of a long, low storage buffet. Below it are felt-lined drawers and compartments large enough for storing large pieces of silver or china. Slim panels of glass, set at an angle in the planting box, extend to the ceiling. This planting box has been a joy rather than the headache some skeptics predicted. Plants grow so fast they have to be replaced before they reach the ceiling! Fig and grape ivy, philodendron, diffenbachia and several other types of greenery are combined in the planting.

The two bedrooms and den are separated from the

The Smiths' prints, books and bric-a-brac gave the needed personal touch to the walls and shelves of the pine-paneled den.

living room by a corridor which insures privacy. Each bedroom is large, with corner windows and ample closets. The walls in the front bedroom are papered in a deep red provincial pattern which highlights the Smiths' mahogany furniture, and a handsome hand-woven bedspread carries out the provincial theme. The walls of the master bedroom, located at the back of the house, are finished in a delicate muted blue, and matching draperies are used at the windows. This has always been Mrs. Smith's favorite bedroom color and makes a perfect setting for her light French provincial bedroom furniture. The twin beds are placed along the long inside wall just under a hand-painted mural.

Nona likes the house better the longer she lives in it, and she thinks the plan is ideal for a small family. It is virtually accident proof, she maintains. Work areas are strategically located so that each has a view of the garden or lawn. "With so much glass don't you have a lot of glare?" some people ask. She explains that the window glass is a delicate green

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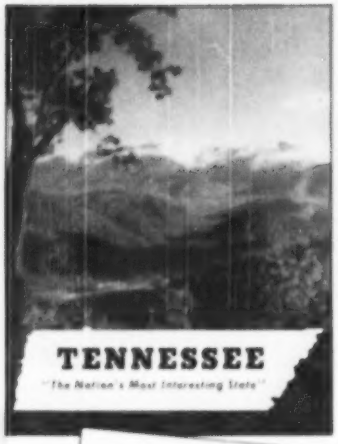
The walled garden between the house and the detached garage offers a good example of attractive landscaping on a small scale. The planting, featuring roses, azaleas and broad-leaved evergreens, is Nona Smith's particular pride and joy.

In the kitchen, a long picture window over the sink frames the view of the garden, and a partition, broken at counter level, makes it easy to pass food in and out of the adjoining breakfast nook, yet effectively separates the two areas.



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which automatically reduces the sun's brightness.

The care exercised in planning the kitchen pays daily dividends. Food is prepared in a U-shaped area, centered by the sink and dishwasher and flanked by the range, storage cabinets and refrigerator. Counters are of burn-proof, scratch-proof tile. The floor is covered in green linoleum tile, and the ruffles which frame the two large windows are made of a green and rust chintz.

One side of the U-area is formed by a wall of cabinets with an opening at counter level. This makes a perfect divider between the kitchen and the eating nook, and the handy service counter saves a lot of steps. The nook has its own picture window. On one wall of this part of the kitchen there is a small desk where Nona checks her grocery lists, files recipes and plans her meals.

The compact arrangement of the laundry service room speeds up the wash-day routine. The washing machine is located near the outside door, within easy reach of the drying yard. The Smiths moved the food freezer into this room from the kitchen. They feel that the extra space in the kitchen justifies the few additional steps.

The double garage, a separate structure located just behind the house, doubles as a play room and storage room. The walls were plastered and the interior is finished in the same manner as the house proper. Nona has hung pictures on the walls, and when the cars are parked on the drive she can create a charming play room by banking ferns and flowers to conceal the oil drain racks on the floor and setting up the folding lawn furniture which she bought for this room. Here the Smiths have their ping-pong games, their summer parties, and their barbecue suppers in the fall.

The terraced lot has been so beautifully landscaped that the house with its gardens and front lawn make a striking unit. The small back garden, enclosed by a low brick wall with iron gates, is particularly lovely and easily maintained. The walks and the terrace are of red Colorado stone, as is the barbecue oven built against the wall. Nona is an ardent gardener, and the heart of the planting in this garden is her collection of azaleas, camellias and roses.

The builder neatly summarized what the Smiths have done to the house when he said, "I thought I had done everything to make the house perfect when it was opened for exhibit, but in the spring, after the Smiths had lived there a few months, I paid them a visit. They had made the dream house come to life. It's a real home now—not just a good looking house!"

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To get complete authenticity in his floral designs, Claud uses the fresh flowers as models.

Camellias, "iron lace," and ante-bellum mansions put the unmistakable stamp of the South on wallpapers and fabrics created by Claud Herndon

Designing with a Southern Accent

By MARGOT GAYLE

CLAUD HERNDON is a spare, good looking young Southerner whose name has come to be identified with camellias. He does not grow them; he paints them.

Claud has been doing water colors of camellias since 1936 when he and a friend attended the annual Camellia Show in Augusta, Georgia. The glowing, waxy flowers displayed in the show all but begged to be painted, and Claud couldn't resist them. After the show was over he asked if he

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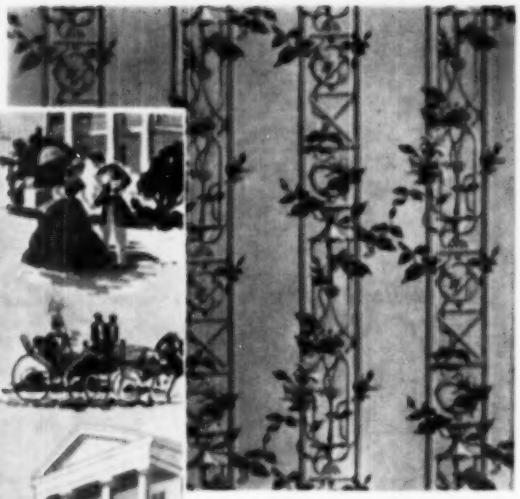
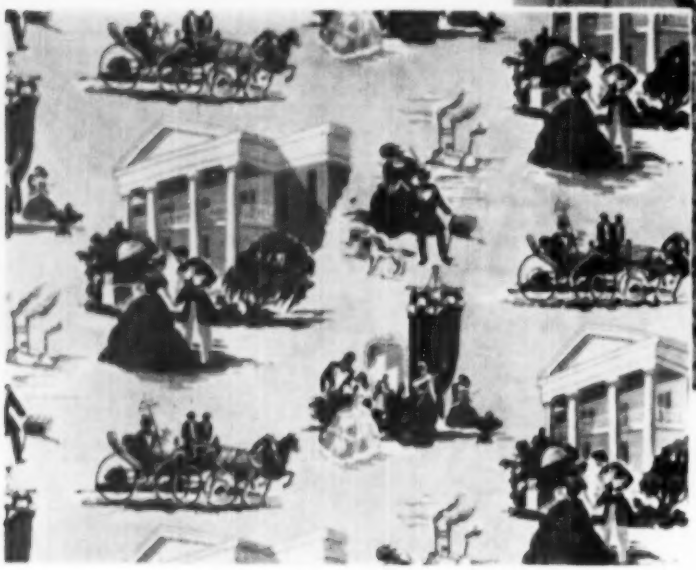
This paper, called "Old South," features camellias and iron grillwork.

Right—In "Mobile Trellis," designed as a companion fabric for "Southern Pleasures," honeysuckle rambles over delicate white iron grillwork against a contrasting background.





Left—A scenic design on drapery fabric, "Southern Pleasures," captures the grace and formality of crinoline days with their plantation houses, hoop-skirted belles, river steamers and fine carriages.

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might take some of the blossoms home with him.

He remembers how generous the growers were with their camellias, supplying him with many blooms of each variety. He remembers, too, how fearful he was that the flowers would fade on the way.

"The moment the show closed," he recalls, "we gathered our precious camellias, 50 or 60 of them, and packed them in cotton batting on big surgical trays we'd borrowed for the purpose. Then we put the trays in the back of my friend's station wagon and lit out for Atlanta. It was pretty cold, and the flowers stood the trip better than we did. As soon as we got home I hustled them into the refrigerator."

For days Claud painted feverishly. By week's end the flowers were beyond further use, but he had succeeded in painting one handsome example of each of the nine basic camellia forms so well known to camellia fanciers. Later, he was to paint more of these romantic Southern flowers, from prize winners to common garden varieties. Herndon became, as it were, the Audubon of the camellia.

Now his camellias can be found in homes throughout the country. Indeed, you may have some in your own living room. Since the war, Claud has been creating textile and wallpaper designs, and naturally Herndon camellias are featured in many of them.

For instance, they raise their exotic heads against a pastel background on a fine hand-printed chintz put out by Patterson Fabrics of New York, and entitled simply "Camellias." A single bold pink and white camellia forms the basic motif for "Old South," the wallpaper Claud designed as a companion for the "Camellia" chintz.

The wallpaper design is an adaptation of the four Herndon camellia prints issued as an album by the Art Prints Associates. Each of the ten-by-twelve prints depicts a different camellia form against the background of an historic Southern home. These include "Melrose" and "D'Evereaux" in Natchez, the "Hermitage" in Savannah (no longer standing), and "Captain Leather's House" in New Orleans. Decorators often use these prints, framed and in groups of two or four. They coordinate perfectly with the chintz and the paper.

Herndon camellias also appear in many of the designs he creates for Golding Decorative Fabrics, the New York fabric house for which he is doing most of his work at present. Only this fall Golding introduced three of his new Southern prints. And sure enough, camellias are found in two or three.

They cluster in excited profusion among magnolia and honey-suckle blossoms in an all-over floral pattern printed on textured cotton and called "Georgia Flowers." On a wide printed faille entitled "Southern Mansions" they are delicately festooned about embowered ante-bellum scenes. The third in this group of fabrics inspired by the Deep South is named "Mobile Trellis" and shows honey-suckle vines climbing a white trellis against a dark ground.

Claud enjoys painting flowers, and does it with a fine regard for authentic detail. There is no dreamy daubing at the page to create "something that suggests a rose"—

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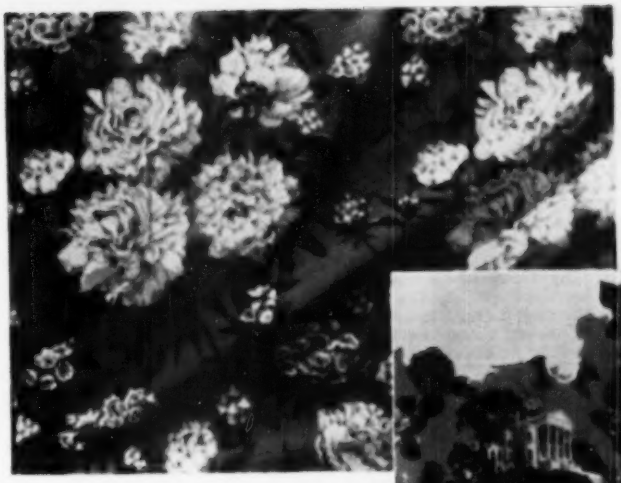
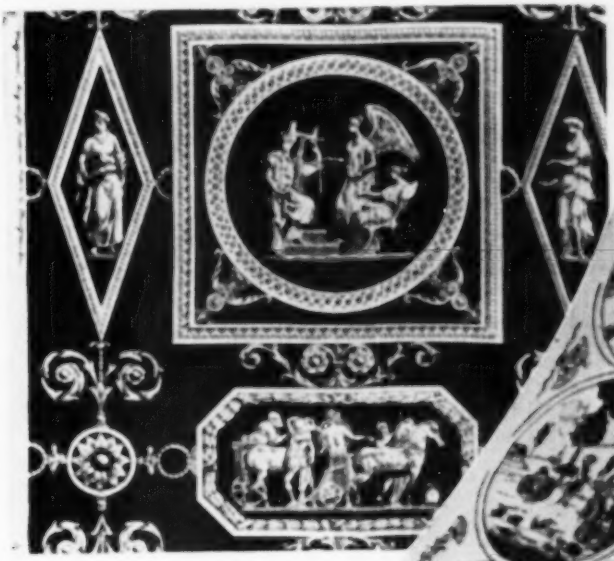


Left—"Laurel and Peony," one of Herndon's latest fabric designs, is printed on rayon faille and is an excellent example of his devotion to accuracy in portraying flowers.

Right—This photo shows the artist's original water color for the fabric design, "Southern Mansions," depicting five historic Southern homes and some fourteen varieties of lovely camellias.

Below—This handsome "Wedgwood" fabric, featuring classic figures in white against a deep gray ground, is the one Claud chose for the living room draperies in his own bachelor's apartment.



Right—"Delft Calendar," a charming wallpaper inspired by some old Dutch calendar plates, lends itself to a variety of novel treatments.

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Designing

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not for him. When he paints his rich, and often intricate floral designs, he works with the blossoms right before him on his drawing board. A friend of his likes to say that a horticulturist can examine a slipcover made from a Herndon print, or point to a flower in one of his wallpaper designs, and readily identify it by the species and variety.

Claud's knowledge of flowers goes back to his childhood. In the little town of Hartwell, Georgia, where he grew up as the son of the local druggist, there were flowers all over the place.

"For years," he says, "Mother kept the front yard full of flowers in the Victorian manner. Both Mother and the lady next door, 'Miss Carrie' Skelton, took time to explain to me how the plants differed in structure and characteristics. They even taught me the correct botanical names!" This is one reason his drawings of flowers have an almost documentary authenticity.

Claud's great-grandfather came to north Georgia from Virginia, and was raising cotton along the Savannah River, across the border from South Carolina, even before there was a town of Hartwell. Claud is "kin to most everyone in the county," and his family always having lived thereabouts, people took it for granted that he would eventually go into his father's drug business in Hartwell.

But Claud had other ideas. It was all very well to earn pocket money hopping curb for the drugstore, and it was nice to be able to eat chocolate bars without having to pay for them. But what he really wanted to be was an artist.

At the age of twelve, he felt his ambitions amply justified when a national magazine gave him honorable mention for a pen and ink sketch of Victorian ladies. At thirteen, he was doing cartoons and illustrations for the high school paper. At fifteen he won a scholarship in a national flag essay contest. When asked to what school he wanted the scholarship to apply, he promptly said the Art School of the High Museum in Atlanta, and found himself suddenly embarked on his life's work.

Claud was a star pupil in art school and won more scholarships. Before he graduated he was supporting himself by painting portraits. He has done so many portraits that a newspaper columnist once commented, "Everybody in Atlanta who can afford it has his portrait painted by Claud Herndon!"

Claud also painted murals, imaginative and decorative scenes to blend with the decor of elaborate homes.

His years of creating murals gave him the fine feeling for wall treatment which has contributed to the success of his wallpaper designs. These are usually large and dramatic yet have a strong architectural quality and a sense of the traditional. Their Southern accent is unmistakable.

When he completed his study at the High Museum and a year of additional work at Pennsylvania Academy of Art, Claud traveled and painted in Europe—chiefly in Italy where he was intrigued by the classic ruins and sun-soaked landscapes. That was shortly before he went into the army.

As a soldier he never left these shores. His talents were turned to camouflage work, and later to the decorating of officers' and enlisted men's clubs throughout the South.

"I worked with Major William Pahlmann," Claud says. "In civilian life, Bill, who is a native Texan, is one of the most prominent store designers and interior decorators in the country. I helped him turn gymnasiums and factory buildings into colorful clubrooms, and though I didn't advance with lightning speed in the army, every club added another sergeant's stripe to my sleeve."

Since the war Claud has been living in a century-old brownstone house in Greenwich Village. He likes the stimulation of mingling with other artists in New York, but he frequently returns to Hartwell.

"It is more than coming back home — more than getting away from buildings and pavements and back to nature," he says. "It's a matter of recapturing a sense of proportion, especially when it comes to time. The South must never let itself be panicked into the rush, rush, rush of the big commercial cities."

Asked if there is something that actually can be called a Southern influence in design, Herndon says emphatically, "Yes, and it's a part of what I just said. It is a sense of graciousness and tranquillity. The Southern tradition has drama, but at the same time it is restrained, understated."

"Being from the South," he went on, "I know I am deeply influenced by it. I get my love for color in foliage and flowers from the scenes where I grew up. I am probably an inveterate romanticist, and that, too, I get from the South. Above all I long for tranquillity—for time to savor, to cherish, and to reflect on some things it's easy to rush past in this world."

Claud now does most of his reflecting in a slate-colored living room not far from Washington Square. It has a black marble mantel, bookshelves and tall windows that stretch from the floor to the fifteen-foot ceiling. I talked with him there not long ago, and one of my first questions was, "Why didn't you use wallpaper in your own apartment?" In reply, Claud, who is a prematurely grey six footer, made a sweeping gesture in the di-

rection of the broad wall over a long couch. The wall was full of pictures.

Indeed, Claud's paintings, many done on his European trip, fill this entire side of his living room. He has hung at least a score of them, as close as the frames will permit. His friends see a one-man show every time they step into his apartment.

If Claud's rooms are short on wallpaper, they are long on handsome textiles. He likes to use his own designs. At the large windows of the bedroom of this bachelor's apartment hang very full draw-curtains of a bold floral print. A related print with a geometric background makes a coverlet for the stern Napoleonic bed.

The living room with the slate-colored walls and all the pictures has graceful draperies at its tall windows. Here Claud has used a formal chintz with a grey background against which Wedgwood figures ride chariots, play harps and pose in delicate medallions. Before he created this chintz, Claud spent weeks at the Metropolitan Museum, making sketches from Wedgwood vases, and also copying designs from photographs of delicate Adam moldings. He calls this Patterson chintz "Wedgwood," and is now working on a companion wallpaper to be put out soon by Herndon Papers.

Although Claud designs textiles for various fabric houses, his wallpaper designs appear only in his own line of hand-screened papers which he calls Herndon Papers and which are available through decorators throughout the country. His reputation in this field is growing apace.

Claud likes to discuss the use of wallpapers. He says, "Wallpaper is often a boon in a room where the wall space is chopped up by doors, windows, bookcases and so on. An interesting wallpaper makes you overlook the irregularities."

Claud thinks it is safest to avoid putting pictures on a strongly patterned wallpaper. Where it is unavoidable, he advises putting wide mats around the pictures "to give the eye a rest."

Because fine hand-screened wallpapers often cost as much as $10 a roll, and frequently more, he reminds you that a little bit of a good thing often goes a long way. He says, "Try covering one wall in paper and painting the other three. Also try a length of handsome paper as a panel above a mantel, or use a length between closely set windows. And for a really handsome effect, try framing a door or window with a cut-out of vines or trellises.

"An all-over patterned paper is sometimes good on a ceiling—maybe a pattern of rosebuds in a bedroom. But remember that a ceiling paper must be a non-directional design."

Herndon is a great believer in keeping the walls subdued in rooms where much living is to be done. "You can be imaginative with colors, but stay away from 'busy' wallpapers in such a room. A good place to let your imagination take free rein is in the reception hall. No one stays long, and a lively effect makes people feel welcome."

Scenic papers are often used in dining rooms, and Claud, who has painted many a dining room mural, finds this just as it should be. "A separate dining room seems to be a rapidly disappearing luxury in the American home, but for those lucky enough to have one, a scenic paper gives an air of spaciousness and perspective, of looking through the walls of the room. If you like Chinese things, many lovely hand-painted Chinese scenic papers are to be bought at moderate cost. You can stand a paper with definite pictures in a dining room because you don't spend much time there."

Claud has done an amusing wallpaper called "Delft Calendar" which lends itself to novel treatment. Twelve Dutch scenes, one for each month, are set in circles about ten inches in diameter. At the Metropolitan Museum, Claud meticulously studied a group of blue and white 17th century Dutch calendar plates, then adapted the designs to this unique hand-screened paper.

One decorator, he says, cut out these individual circles with their seasonal pictures and applied them around the fireplace in an early American room. Someone else used a double row of his Delft "plates" in the twin panels of a kitchen door, giving them a coat of clear plastic substance for protection.

"Don't waste odds and ends of good wallpaper. Use them to line niches or bookshelves, or make lamp shades. The best way to do this is to cut out the basic motif and paste onto a plain ready-made shade. Paste the wallpaper on old mats, cutting the edges with a razor blade and using some colorless plastic or shellac for a water-repellent surface."

Claud made a general point that will be well worth taking to heart. He said, "Don't strain for effects when you select wallpapers or fabrics for your home. Choose what seems natural to you. And don't let friends and relatives talk you out of your own convictions and inner sense of what's suitable for your home. Speak your own mind—get what 'feels' right and you'll enjoy living with it!"

Then coming back to our first subject of conversation, Claud said, "I think Southern homes should abound in flowers. They can be grown in such profusion in our part of the country. That is why, in decorative fabrics and papers, I've always regarded floral patterns that blend with either modern or traditional decor as particularly right for the Southern home."

"And when it comes to me," he added, his cleft chin tipping up as he smiled, "when I have a choice of flowers, I'll take camellias every time!"

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There Are Two "P's" in Painting

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these guideposts give warning, will not only prevent further deterioration but may save an expensive repair bill later on.

Exterior painting should always be done when the air is reasonably dry, the surfaces of the house are *thoroughly* dry, and when the temperature is not extreme enough to hinder the painter.

Painting your house, oddly enough, doesn't begin with the actual painting. It must be preceded by proper preparation if the finished job is to be successful. The first step is to assemble and inspect your equipment and determine how you can safely get off the ground and up under the eaves. If your house is a high one, you'll need scaffolding that is sturdy and carefully erected. So, if you and scaffolding are strangers, by all means get a carpenter to erect it for you the first time. If you have a one-story house—rambler or bungalow—you can get by with firmly placed ladders and cross planking on brackets.

The following equipment is essential for your preparatory work:

BROAD KNIFE—for scraping large areas where old paint has cracked, scaled or blistered; also for pointing up small holes or cracks. (*Never*, under any circumstances, try to use a blowtorch to remove old paint. If it is necessary to remove it by blowtorch, have the job done by an experienced professional.)

PUTTY KNIFE—for filling nail holes and reglazing sash.

WIRE BRUSH—for removing loose particles of paint, concrete or cement.

STEEL WOOL (or wire brush)—for removing loose paint or rust from metal surfaces.

SANDPAPER—for smoothing slightly roughened surfaces and sanding down old paint to avoid the formation of excessively thick coatings.

DUSTING BRUSH—for removing dust and loose dirt.

In the course of going over the exterior of the house with these tools, you will probably find most of the rotted spots in need of repair. Carefully inspect the places that hold moisture the longest for they tend to rot first. Replace lumber wherever necessary, fill large cracks and holes in the foundation with cement, and repair smaller defects with putty or some other suitable material. Then, with the surface of your house clean and smooth and in good repair, you are almost ready to take the paint brush in hand.

Your next step is to visit a reputable paint dealer. Let him advise you on the best type of house paint for your particular dwelling. Be sure to specify quality products, whether you are doing the painting yourself or hiring a contractor. There is never any real saving in trying to economize on materials. Such false economy may result in an unsatisfactory job and necessitate repainting at more frequent intervals. A good coat of exterior paint should last four to five years.

The principal ingredients of paint are powder pigments and the liquid binder that holds them together. The most important pigments used in exterior house paint are white lead, zinc oxide and titanium oxide. To these are added opaque pigments and color pigments. Ordinarily the binder is linseed oil. Small amounts of compounds called "driers" are added to speed up the hardening of the paint film. The final ingredient is turpentine or mineral spirits, which makes the paint flow readily from the brush. A skillful combining of these ingredients gives you quality paint, the protective armor your house deserves.

Regular exterior house paint can be used on wood, masonry and metal surfaces, although for the latter—particularly metal railings and grills—an exterior enamel is advisable. If your house is brick or stucco, your dealer may recommend one of the cement-base, water-thinned paints. He will also be able to advise you about the number of coats of paint your house will need and the amount of paint that will be required. To do this, he will need to know the total square footage of surface to be painted. In computing the total, figure one wall at a time, multiplying the length by the height. Make no allowance for ordinary windows and doors unless you plan to paint them a different color. To find the square footage of a gable or any triangular shaped surface, multiply the width by one-half the height of the house. When estimating the amount of paint required for the trim of windows or doors, remember that one gallon of paint usually covers the paintable areas of fifteen to twenty openings.

Now the time has come for you to collect your last bit of equipment.

Be sure to have the following items on hand:

EXTRA MIXING CANS—for thorough mixing and blending of paint. It is usually necessary to pour off top oil into another can, stir pigment at bottom of original can until smooth, and gradually return oil to original can, stirring constantly for good blending of oil and pigment.

MIXING PADDLES—for the all-important job described above.

STRAINERS (or cheesecloth or pieces of wire screen)—for removing lumps.

RAGS—for cleaning up spatters.

DROP CLOTHS—for protecting shrubbery, plants and flower beds beneath the scaffolding or ladder.

TURPENTINE—for cleaning brushes and, if the label so recommends, for thinning the paint.

BRUSHES—one 4½- to 5-inch brush for large areas, a 1½- to 2-inch brush for trim, and a flat sash brush for narrow areas (otherwise, you will ruin a regular brush by using it sidewise, which causes the bristles to "finger").

LINSEED OIL—for conditioning new paint brushes, which should be suspended in linseed oil for at least twelve hours before use. At the end of this time, remove the surplus oil by laying the brush on its side, squeezing it from ferrule to tip with a wooden strip. Then whirl it between the palms of your hands. The final step is to comb the bristles straight.

Brushes have a lot to do with the success of your painting, so take good care of them. Dipping them too deeply into the paint is wasteful, and causes hardened paint to collect at the "heel" of the brush, rendering it useless. Always apply the paint with a free and easy stroke. Use the bristles, never the sides. Don't permit brushes to dry hard and stiff. Remove excess paint with a rag, wash the brush in soap and water, rinse, comb and let dry. Then for storing, suspend the brush in turpentine, making sure to keep the bristles straight.

Your house should boast a perfect exterior coating if you observe the following rules very carefully:

1—Choose clear weather and be sure the surfaces of your house are completely dry. Otherwise you'll seal

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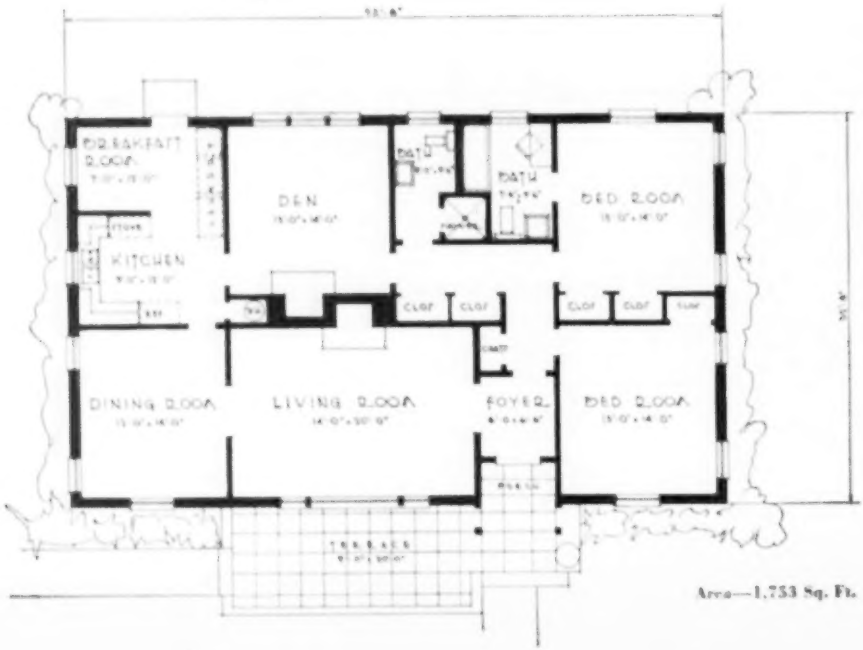

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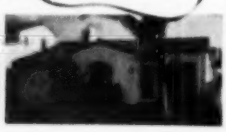

There Are Two "P's" in Painting

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in the moisture, only to have it pop out later in the form of disfiguring blisters on the outside of the house or plaster troubles on the inside.

2—Always allow ample time—at least 48 to 72 hours—for drying between coats. Failure to observe this precaution will cause cracking or "alligatoring."

3—To avoid blemishes, keep your shrubbery tied back until the final coat is thoroughly dry.

4—Use plenty of elbow grease and brush out the paint to avoid thick films. Too thick a coat of paint will result in unsightly wrinkles.

5—Varnish or paint screens, gutters, down-spouts, nails, hinges and the like in order to prevent stains from corrosion of the metal.

6—Before repainting mildewed surfaces, wash them thoroughly with an alkaline solution and flush with clean water (if necessary, add a material which prevents the growth of mildew).

7—Before painting, condition any new lumber you have used in making repairs. Otherwise, the sun will draw out the pitch in the lumber, and surface discoloration will result. Remove all dirt from the wood, scrub knots or any excessively sappy places with turpentine or solvent naphtha, and seal with a coat of spar varnish. After the varnish is dry, apply a priming coat and allow to dry. Finally, fill all cracks, joints and nail holes with putty. The new lumber is then ready for its final coat of exterior paint.

When you are all ready to paint, begin at an upper corner of one wall and work to the other end; using smooth, even, back-and-forth strokes that brush the paint well into the surface. Plan your painting schedule so you won't be working in the full rays of the sun. It's best to do the west side in the early morning, the east side in the late morning, the north side in the early afternoon and the south side in the late afternoon.

Or, perhaps you plan to have a painting contractor do the job for you. In that case, your understanding of the proper equipment and procedure will help you to select a competent painter and to make sure that he is giving you a first-class job.

It's an Idea ...

Photo by Peter Gowland

Consider the Man of the Family

A SINGLE woman can make her boudoir as frilly and feminine as she likes, but the married woman is wise to consider the man of the house, as well as herself, when she plans the decoration of the master bedroom. Most men look—and feel—a little foolish in a bower of ruffles, bows and roses.

This does not mean that the room has to be severely masculine; a compromise is the happiest solution, as it is to many another homemaking problem. In the room pictured above, dust ruffles cater to the feminine yen for frills, but semi-tailored spreads of quilted cotton show due respect for the masculine preference for simplicity. The spreads have the added virtue of being washable and can be sent to the laundry without jeopardy.

In this particular room, brown and jonquil yellow predominate in the color scheme. The paneled wall behind the dark headboards is painted yellow, and brown and white checked spreads are used over yellow dust ruffles. A neutral sand tone is used for the carpeting and the yellow is repeated in curtains of the same fabric as the dust ruffles. The neat-patterned wallpaper, which covers three sides of the room, picks up the yellow and brown and introduces a touch of green.

An equally effective color scheme might be worked out with brown and turquoise accented by coral, or deep green and gray with sharp red accents. It is usually best to shy away from the pastel pinks, blues and greens in a joint bedroom, and it is always wise to pass up laces and satins in favor of sturdy cottons, linens, failles and corduroys. In wallpapers, rugs and upholstering fabrics, don't go overboard on elaborate floral designs. With such a wide selection in stripes, plaids, solids and small conventional patterns, it is an easy matter to find designs that will be pleasing—and becoming—to both parties.

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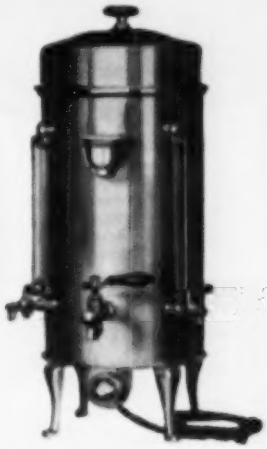

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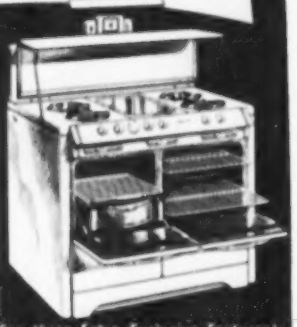

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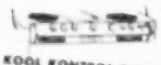

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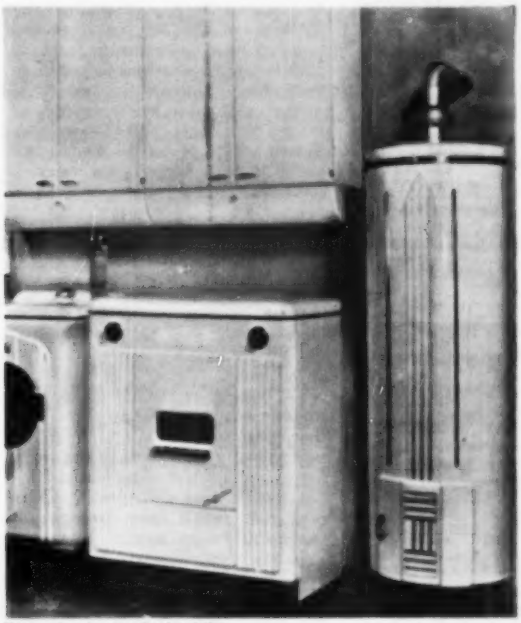
Above—Installed between the kitchen sink and an automatic washer, this electric water heater looks like a regular kitchen cabinet. Special wiring is required for most electric models.

By CHRISTINE PINES

HOT WATER ON TAP

A new gas or electric water heater will keep you in hot water 24 hours a day

Below—The gas water heater in this laundry room is near the washer and provides plenty of hot water for the washday job as well as other purposes. Gas models usually require a flue.



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DOES PLENTY of hot water sound like sheer luxury to you—just to turn on the faucet and have hot water for a soothing bath, for washing clothes, or for doing the dishes in water so hot they'll air-dry? Actually, it's more of a necessity than a luxury. Doctors tell us that washing dishes in hot water and letting them air-dry is one way to check the spread of diseases. Laundry experts say we can't get clothes really clean without plenty of hot water. Automatic appliances like dishwashers and clothes washers won't work efficiently without steaming hot water. It's a necessity for a smooth-running house, and for smooth-running tempers as well.

The new gas and electric water heaters are completely automatic, which means they are equipped with thermostatic controls that heat water to exact pre-set temperatures; and usually if the water becomes too hot, there is an automatic cut-off. The normal temperature setting of electric water heaters is about 145° F. to 150° F., although most heaters have a range of 120° F. to 170° F. On gas heaters the normal temperature setting is usually 140° F., but controls can be turned up as high as 160° F. to 170° F.

Your choice between a gas and an electric water heater may depend upon the other appliances you own. If, for example, you have an electric range and an electric refrigerator, then it may be more economical in the long run to buy an electric water heater, because, as a rule, the more fuel of one kind you use, the cheaper it is. The same

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Hot Water on Tap

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applies to gas appliances. Compare your local rates for gas and electric service before you buy. In some communities, special rates are available for heating water at a particular time — such as during the night, when the demand is low.

Water heaters come in a range of sizes anywhere from 30 to 100 gallons, and it is extremely important to select a tank that is the right size for your family's needs. This takes a bit of figuring with pencil and paper before you buy. Consider the size of your family, the number of baths taken each day, the amount of laundry you do at home and the use of appliances like the automatic washing machine or dishwasher. It is a big mistake to invest in a tank that is too small, or one that your family will outgrow quickly. Setting the temperature very high and mixing cold water with the hot is poor economy also, because the higher the temperature of the water, the higher the rate of corrosion and rusting in the tank. Operating at a low temperature will reduce the size of your fuel bill. If you do not have an automatic washing machine or dishwasher, there is no reason to have your water heater set at an extremely high temperature.

The American Gas Association recommends a 30-gallon tank for a house with one bathroom and one or two bedrooms; a 40-gallon tank for a house with one bathroom and three or four bedrooms, or a house with two bathrooms and two or three bedrooms. If there are two bathrooms and four or five bedrooms, or three bathrooms and three bedrooms, you'll probably need a 50-gallon tank. A 75-gallon tank is recommended for three or four bathrooms and four or five bedrooms. These calculations do not take into consideration an automatic washer or dishwasher or the number of children or servants.

Many builders and architects believe an 80-gallon tank is essential for an average-size family that has an automatic washer and dishwasher. Your gas or electric dealer or a reliable plumber can give you further information that will help you decide just what size tank you need.

Hot water tanks are made of various metals, and the type of water you have, rather than the price of the tank, should largely determine your selection of metals. Hard water leads to scaling, which causes pipes to clog. Soft water causes corrosion and rusty water, tubs and sinks.

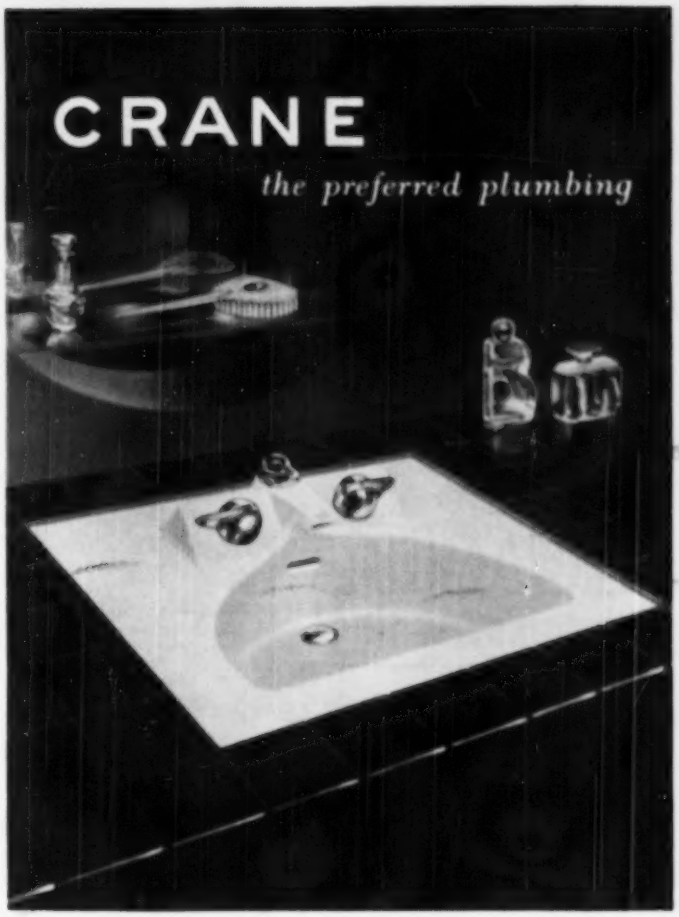
Steel tanks with magnesium protection can be used for either soft or hard water. The magnesium protection is usually in the form of a rod or bar. Any corrosive action is transferred from the tank metal to the magnesium rod or bar, which can be replaced whenever necessary (usually after a few years of use). If you live in a hard-water area, it is a good idea to consider a zeolite-type water-softener unit, and certainly it is very important to buy a tank that can be easily flushed out to remove scale and sediment.

A copper tank, although high in price, has a long life and a high resistance to corrosion and the effects of hard water. Glass-lined tanks are also highly resistant to corrosion and the effects of hard water, but may develop flaws after a few years' use. Standard galvanized tanks without magnesium protection are satisfactory only for areas where water is hard and non-corrosive. Black iron tanks are not suitable for home use.

In order to find out if the water in your area has corrosive effects, talk to people who have had trouble with their tanks or had to replace them. Ask if the tanks were corroded. Of course, rusty tubs and sinks tattle-tale on corrosion, too. But the best way to discover corrosive tendencies is to have the water analyzed by a chemist, engineer or the local water company. Acidity will indicate corrosive tendencies, and you will need to select your hot water tank and have installations made accordingly. Buy from a reliable dealer who will give you a guarantee against defectiveness. It is always wise to have the backing of a reputable manufacturer.

Your choice of exterior finishes may depend on your other gas or electrical equipment and the location of your water heater. As for the location, the trend is back to the kitchen, because that seems the most logical and economical place. The theory behind this is the fact that the kitchen is usually the place where most hot water is used. This location cuts down the length of the pipes and thus reduces heat loss. The warm kitchen reduces the load on the heater, too. The new gas and electric models are well insulated, so you need not worry about their overheating your kitchen.

In planning to install a water heater, remember that most gas heaters require a flue and that most electric heaters require special wiring. And one last reminder—on a gas heater, look for the approval of the American Gas Association; when buying an electric heater, look for the Underwriters' Laboratories seal of approval. Both seals spell safety and efficiency.



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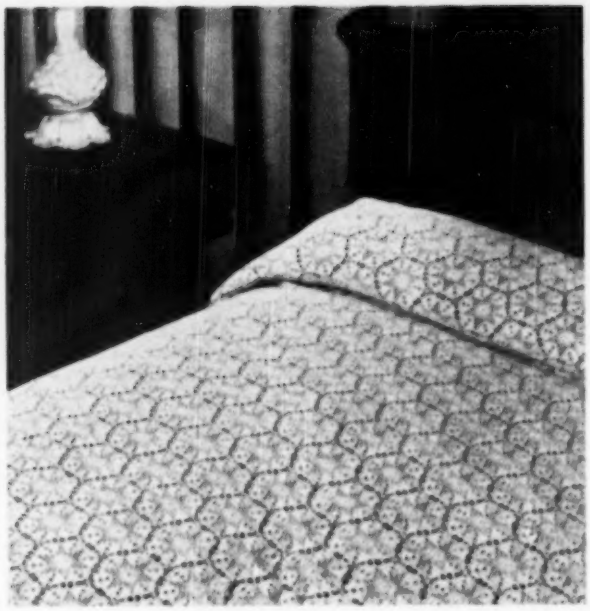

753 (above)—Star medallions make up this handsome crocheted spread. Its size can be varied by increasing or decreasing the number of medallions. The directions are simple, easy to follow and quickly memorized.

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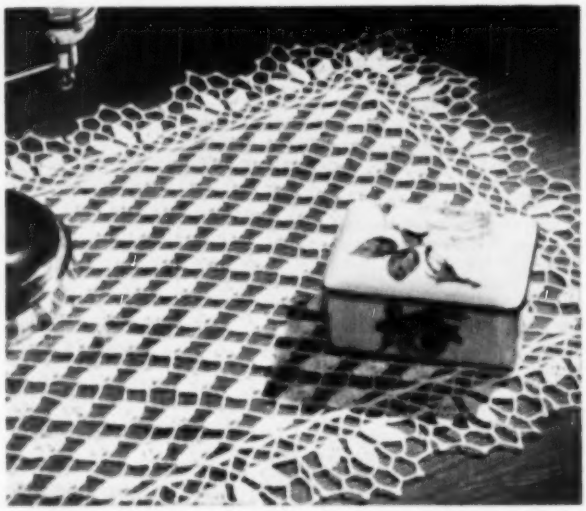
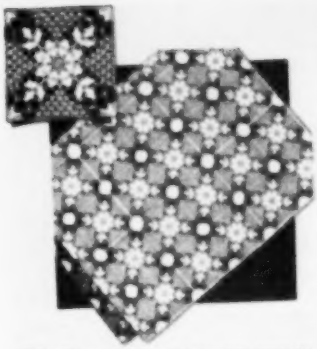


722—You can crochet this airy dewdrop design into a bureau or table scarf of any length you need. The edge is finished with a scalloped border. Directions for both the main design and border are included.



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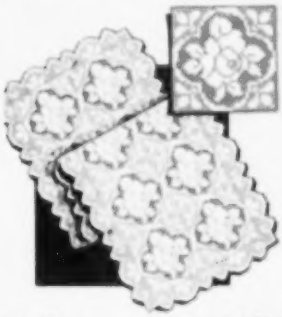

637—The rose design of this filet-crochet scarf is appealingly dainty. You'll enjoy making it for yourself or a friend who loves fine work.

605—This filet-crochet bedspread is composed of two designs that fit together to form a beautiful, all-over pattern. Complete directions given.

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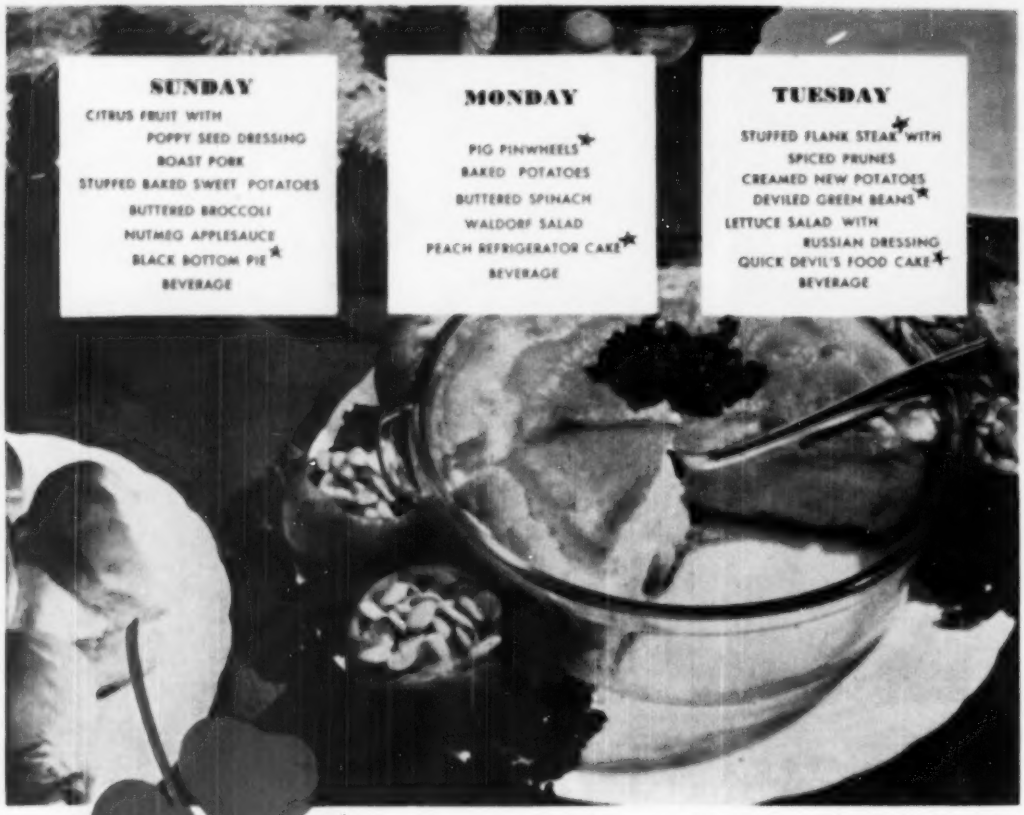

Soufflé with a new, subtle flavor—made with cottage cheese.

MENUS FOR MARCH

WITH the income tax season at hand, the economy-minded homemaker is more alert than ever to new ideas for saving food dollars. This does not mean that her meals must be less attractive or delicious. In fact, necessity can be the mother of a culinary masterpiece. While searching for ways to reduce food costs, she may discover new food combinations, new recipes or ideas for serving delicious cuts of meat seldom used. With these things in mind, we planned a week's dinner menus for March. Each is built around a budget-wise cut of meat or main dish, with an idea here and there for a new salad or an interesting dessert. Family dinners? Yes. But with a first course added, they would do equally well by a guest.

BLACK BOTTOM PIE

1½ cups fine chocolate wafer crumbs — 3 tbsp. butter

Mix crumbs and melted butter; add a tiny bit of cream. Mix and press this mixture into a nine-inch pie tin to form a crust. Chill for one hour or more before adding filling.

Filling

2 tsp. plain gelatin
¼ cup cold milk
1 cup milk
3 eggs, separated
½ cup sugar
¼ tsp. salt
1 tsp. vanilla
2 ounces grated sweet chocolate

Soak gelatin in ¼ cup cold milk. Mix slightly beaten egg yolks, milk, sugar and salt. Cook over hot water until custard coats a spoon. Dissolve soaked gelatin in

The family won't know they're eating leftovers when you serve Pig Pinwheels.

By CHRISTINE MILLAR

hot custard. Add vanilla and chill. When mixture begins to thicken, fold in beaten whites. Grate half of the chocolate over the crust, pile the filling in crust and chill until serving time. Serve plain with grated chocolate on top, or top with whipped cream and grate remaining chocolate over top of cream.

PIG PINWHEELS

- ½ cup bran
- ½ cup milk
- 1½ cups flour
- 1 lb. ground cooked pork (left over from Sunday roast)
- 1 tbsp. minced onion
- 3 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. salt
- ⅓ cup shortening
- ¼ cup chili sauce
- 1 tsp. salt

Soak bran in milk. Sift flour, baking powder and salt together. Cut in shortening. Stir in soaked bran. Turn onto floured board and roll dough into a rectangle about 9 by 16 inches. Combine ground meat, onion, chili sauce and remaining salt. Press meat mixture, on a sheet of waxed paper, in a rectangle the size of the biscuit dough. Place meat on dough. Roll as you would a jelly roll. Cut into 1½-inch slices and arrange cut side down on greased pan. Bake in oven at 425 degrees F. about 30 minutes. Serve with tomato or brown sauce. Serves six (12 pinwheels).

PEACH REFRIGERATOR CAKE

- 1 envelope plain gelatin
- ½ cup cold peach juice
- ⅓ cup butter or margarine
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 2 eggs
- ½ lb. marshmallows
- 2 cups vanilla wafer crumbs
- 3½ cups drained canned peach slices

Soak gelatin in cold fruit juice. Cream margarine; add sugar and beaten yolks. Cook slowly, stirring constantly, until thick. Add gelatin and stir until dissolved. Cut marshmallows into small pieces and add to cool custard. Chill mixture until it begins to thicken. Stir in peaches. Beat egg whites until stiff, then fold them into custard. In a mold, arrange alternate layers of wafer crumbs and peach filling, beginning and ending with crumbs. Chill until serving time. Unmold and serve plain or with whipped cream. Serves 7 or 8. Don't forget to chill the plates on which you serve the cake.

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Tulsa Cook Wins Prize at State Fair

Mrs. F. J. Davis of Tulsa, Oklahoma, shows her children, Joe and Susan Kay, the blue ribbons she won at the Tulsa State Fair. Mrs. Davis is another of the country's prize-winning cooks who uses Fleischmann's Yeast. Says Mrs. Davis: "It takes more than experience to be a really extra-good cook. It takes the best ingredients, too. When you bake at home, you have to use a good lively yeast or your results won't be up to snuff. I started using Fleischmann's years ago and I wouldn't use any other kind now. It's one yeast I can count on to have plenty of 'get up and go.'"

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STUFFED FLANK STEAK

2 lbs. flank steak	Flour to dredge
1 tsp. salt	3 tbsp. fat
1/8 tsp. ginger	1/2 cup boiling water
1/8 tsp. black pepper	

Have the butcher score a two-pound flank steak. Season steak with salt, pepper and ginger. Spread stuffing evenly over steak and roll lengthwise, with grain. Tie or skewer; roll and dredge with flour. Brown on all sides in hot fat. Add water; cover and cook slowly either on top of stove or in oven at 325 degrees F. for 1½ to 2 hours, or until tender. To serve, remove thread, place on a hot platter and cut into slices across the grain. Serves 5 or 6.

Stuffing for Flank Steak

1 cup cornmeal	3 tbsp. minced onion
1 cup boiling water	1 tsp. salt
2 tsp. baking powder	1/2 tsp. pepper
1 tbsp. meat drippings	1/4 tsp. powdered thyme

Pour ½ cup cornmeal into boiling water. Add meat drippings. Mix remaining cornmeal with dry ingredients. Sift this into the first mixture. Add onion.

QUICK DEVIL'S FOOD CAKE

2 cups cake flour	6 tbsp. cocoa
1½ cups sugar	1 cup mayonnaise
1½ tsp. soda	1 cup coffee
1/4 tsp. salt	1 tsp. vanilla

Measure dry ingredients, then sift together. Stir in coffee and mayonnaise. Add vanilla. Pour batter into two greased and floured eight-inch cake tins. Bake at 350 degrees about 30 minutes. Frost with seven-minute frosting, or put layers together with sliced bananas between and frost top and sides of cake with chocolate powdered sugar frosting.

BRAISED SHORT RIBS WITH VEGETABLES

3 lbs. beef short ribs	2 bay leaves
Flour to dredge	3 large potatoes, peeled and quartered
Salt and pepper	3 onions, peeled and halved
1 tsp. paprika	6 carrots
1/4 cup fat	
1 clove garlic	

Cut ribs into serving pieces. Salt and pepper and dredge with flour. Brown in fat with the garlic. Remove garlic and place browned meat in a large casserole or Dutch oven. Add paprika, bay leaf and vegetables. Add water to almost cover. Bake, covered, at 325 degrees F. about two hours. Remove cover last 15 minutes to brown ribs. To thicken sauce, add balls of well-blended flour and butter when you remove the lid.

DEVILED GREEN BEANS

- ¼ cup butter or margarine
- ¼ tsp. salt
- ⅛ tsp. pepper
- 2 No. 2 cans green beans or 1½ lbs. fresh beans
- 1 tsp. prepared mustard
- 1 tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
- Dash cayenne

Mix fat and seasoning and heat with cooked green beans.

HORSERADISH MAYONNAISE

- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 2 tbsp. grated horseradish
- ½ cup whipped cream
- 1 drop tabasco sauce

Fold whipped cream into mayonnaise. Season with tabasco and horseradish.

BAKED SPARERIBS

- 2 lbs. spareribs
- 1½ tsp. salt
- 1 sliced onion
- 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- ½ cup catsup
- 1 cup water

Salt spareribs. Mix water, catsup and Worcestershire sauce and pour over ribs. Arrange onion slices on top of meat. Cover and roast at 350 degrees F. for 2 hours.

TOMATO-MUSHROOM SAUCE

- 1 can cream of tomato soup
- 1 can mushroom soup

Heat and mix two soups, without diluting.

COTTAGE CHEESE SOUFFLE

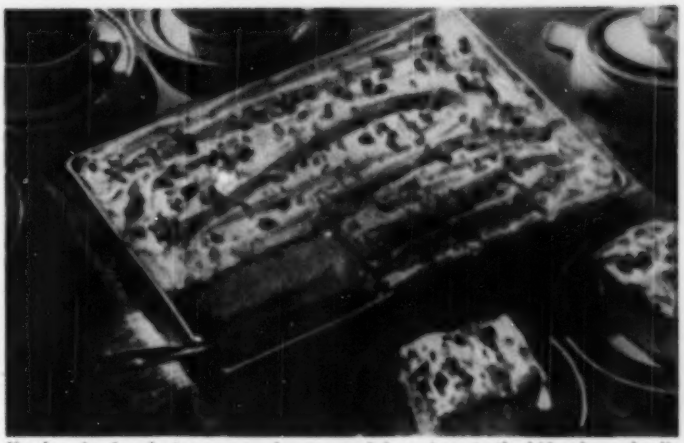
- 6 tbsp. butter
- ¾ cup flour
- ¼ tsp. dry mustard
- ⅛ tsp. paprika
- 1 cup milk
- 1 tsp. salt
- 4 eggs, separated
- 1 pint cottage cheese
- 3 tbsp. lemon juice

Melt butter. Stir in flour, mustard, paprika and salt. Add milk gradually, stirring constantly to form a smooth white sauce. Cook over low heat eight to ten minutes or until no starchy taste remains. Beat egg yolks until light and frothy and add to white sauce. Add cheese and lemon juice. Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Pour into a greased casserole and bake in a moderately slow oven, 300 degrees F., for about one hour. Serve immediately. Serves 6.

CHANTILLY POTATOES

- 4 cups mashed potatoes
- ½ cup heavy cream
- ½ cup grated cheese

Pile seasoned mashed potatoes into a greased baking dish. Top with whipped cream, sprinkle cheese on top. Bake at 450 degrees until top is slightly browned. Serves 6 to 8.



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COUNTRY KITCHEN MERINGUE CAKE!

Preparations. Have the shortening at room temperature. Grease bottom of 13 x 9 x 2-inch pan. Start oven for moderate heat (375°F.). Sift flour once before measuring.

Ingredients:

- 2 cups sifted Swans Down Cake Flour
- 2¼ teaspoons Calumet Baking Powder
- ¾ teaspoon salt
- 1 cup plus 2 tablespoons sugar
- ¼ cup shortening
- *Milk (see below for amount)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 egg plus 2 yolks, unbeaten

*With butter, margarine, or lard, use ⅔ cup minus 1 tablespoon milk. With vegetable or any other shortening, use ⅔ cup milk.

Now the Mix-Easy Part! (Mix by hand or at a low speed of electric mixer. Count only actual beating time or beating strokes. Allow about 150 full strokes per minute. Scrape bowl and spoon often.)

1. Sift flour once, measure into sifter, and add baking powder, salt, and sugar. Set aside.

2. Place shortening in mixing bowl and stir just to soften. Sift in dry ingredients. Add milk and vanilla and mix until all flour is dampened. Then *beat 2 minutes.*

3. Add egg and yolks and *beat 1 minute* longer.

Baking. Turn batter into pan. Bake in moderate oven (375°F.) 30 minutes, or until done. Cool cake in pan on rack about 1 hour, or until thoroughly cooled.

Topping. Spread Meringue Cake Topping lightly over cool cake in pan and sprinkle with nuts or coconut. Bake in moderate oven (375°F.) 20 minutes, or until lightly browned. Cut and serve directly from pan, if desired. Serve warm or cold.

Meringue Cake Topping

Beat 2 egg whites and dash of salt until foamy. Add ½ cup sugar, 2 tablespoons at a time, beating after each addition until sugar is blended. After all sugar is added, continue beating until mixture will stand in peaks. If desired, add ¼ teaspoon almond flavoring and blend.

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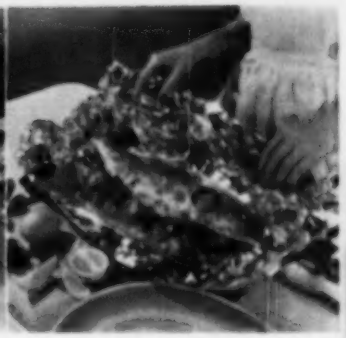
Storing fresh greens is one of the many uses of aluminum foil, now available at most hardware, department and frozen-food supply stores. Lettuce, endive and other greens, washed, drained and wrapped in foil, can be stored for days and come out crisp and fresh—ready for the salad bowl. When the vegetable bin is full, greens wrapped in foil can be stored elsewhere in the refrigerator.

The perfect solution to the problem of how to cover those topless dishes of odd size and shape. Aluminum foil spread over them and pressed down around the edges will stay in place without rubber bands or tying, seals in flavor and moisture, and keeps food from discoloring. Leftovers stored in heat resistant bowls with foil covers can be reheated without even opening.



Because it seals in odors as well as moisture, aluminum foil is especially handy in baking fish. Stuff the fish, add vegetables and seasonings to taste, and bring the foil up over the fish, sealing with a tight double fold, then place in a shallow pan and bake at 400 degrees F. The fish will come out moist and tender and your house will not be permeated by the usual unpleasant cooking odor.

Foil will save lots of time in washing the dishes in which you cook macaroni and cheese, scalloped potatoes and other foods that form hard-to-remove crusts. Line the utensil with foil and bake as usual—the pan will come out of the oven as clean as it went in. Foil, which is non-inflammable, can also be placed in the bottom of the oven to catch the inevitable drip from bubbling fruit pies.

If your lunch-box customers complain about dried-out bread, try wrapping their sandwiches in this versatile material. It keeps sandwiches, cheese, pie and cake fresh and moist for long periods, making it possible to prepare lunches at night so that you don't have this task to complicate the early morning routine of breakfast and getting the youngsters off to school.

Baking a chicken in aluminum foil gives the same happy results as covering it with a greased cloth—which involves a lot more mess and trouble. Prepare the chicken (this goes for turkey, too) in the usual way, wrap it in the foil and seal the edges with a double fold. Since foil retains the juices, no basting is necessary, and the bird bakes to a rich, even brown without drying.

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Hot Cross Buns

2 cakes Fleischmann's yeast*
2 tbsp. sugar
2 cups milk, scalded and cooled
7½ cups sifted flour
½ cup raisins or currants
½ cup shortening
⅔ cup sugar
½ tsp. salt
2 eggs, well beaten

Dissolve yeast and 2 tablespoons sugar in lukewarm milk. Add 3¼ cups flour to make a sponge. Beat until smooth; cover and let rise in warm place, free from draft, until light, about 1 hour. Cream shortening and sugar; add salt. Add to yeast mixture. Add eggs, raisins or currants, which have been floured, and remaining flour. Turn out on floured board and knead lightly. Place in greased bowl. Cover and let rise again until double in bulk, about 2 hours. Shape into medium sized round buns; place in well-greased shallow pans. Cover and let rise again until light, about 1 hour. Brush tops with one egg beaten with 2 tablespoons cold water. With a sharp knife cut a cross on the top of each bun. Bake in hot oven (425 degrees F.) about 20 minutes. While hot, fill cross with plain icing. Makes four dozen.

PLAIN ICING

Add 4 teaspoons milk or warm water slowly to 1 cup sifted confectioner's sugar to make a thick, smooth paste. Add ½ teaspoon vanilla extract. Water will make a more transparent icing than milk.

*Recipe courtesy Fleischmann's Yeast.

Deliciousness

4 tomatoes (diced)
3 sweet green peppers (diced)
1 onion (diced)
4 slices bacon
1 tsp. Mexene Chile Powder*
½ cup vinegar
1 head lettuce

Mix together the diced vegetables; cook bacon crisp in frying pan, stir in Mexene, add vinegar and when it boils up, pour over diced vegetables. Serve on lettuce leaves.

*Recipe courtesy Mexene Chile Powder.

Pineapple Fritters

1 cup sifted flour
1 tsp. Calumet Baking Powder*
¼ tsp. salt
3 tbsp. sugar
1 egg, well beaten
¼ cup milk
1 cup shredded pineapple, well drained

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder, salt and sugar, and sift again. Combine egg and milk; add gradually to flour mixture, beating only until smooth. Add pineapple.

Here is another MASTER-MIX Recipe

First, here is your Clabber Girl MASTER-MIX recipe

6 cups sifted all-purpose flour
8 tablespoons Clabber Girl Baking Powder
1½ teaspoon salt
1 cup shortening

Sift flour, baking powder and salt together. Cut in shortening. Store in covered container in refrigerator. *Now try*

DATE *Nut* MUFFINS

These Muffins are ideal to serve for breakfast, luncheon or supper. Here is the recipe:

2 cups Master-Mix
¼ cup pitted dates, cut in small pieces
1 egg, well beaten
2 tablespoons sugar
⅔ cup milk
¼ cup chopped nuts

Measure Master-Mix into a mixing bowl. Stir in the dates and nuts. Mix egg, sugar and milk together. Add, all at once, to the dry mixture. Stir gently only until the flour is moistened—the batter will look lumpy. Fill greased muffin pans ⅔ full. Bake at 425° F. (hot oven) 15 to 18 minutes. Makes 1 dozen 2-inch muffins. If plain muffins are desired, use the Date Nut Muffin recipe but omit the dates and nuts.

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Drop from dessert spoon into deep fat (350 degrees F.), dipping spoon each time in hot fat before dipping into batter. Turn fritters frequently. Cook 4 minutes, or until golden brown. Drain on unglazed paper. Serve hot with lemon sauce.

*Recipe courtesy Calumet Baking Powder.

Angel Cake

Whites of 8 eggs	¼ tsp. salt
1 tsp. cream of tartar	1 tsp. Clabber Girl Baking Powder*
¾ cup granulated sugar	¾ cup flour
	1 tsp. vanilla or almond extract

Whip eggs to firm, stiff froth; add cream of tartar; fold sugar in lightly. Fold in flour sifted four times with baking powder and salt; add flavoring. Bake in ungreased tube pan 45 to 50 minutes in moderate oven (350 degrees F.). Invert pan and let stand until cold.

*Recipe courtesy Clabber Girl Baking Powder.

Cheese Snacks

2 qts. popped Jolly Time Pop Corn*	½ cup grated American or Parmesan cheese
½ cup butter	½ tsp. salt

Spread freshly popped corn in a flat pan; keep hot and crisp in oven. Melt the butter and grated cheese and add salt. Pour mixture over corn; stir until every kernel is cheese flavored.

*Recipe courtesy Jolly Time Pop Corn.

"Famous Recipe"

1 pkg. Skinner's Spaghetti*	1 No. 2½ size can tomatoes
1 can tomato soup	3 oz. celery
1 small can mushrooms	1 tsp. salt
	½ tsp. red pepper
3 oz. bacon	1 large onion

Prepare spaghetti according to directions on the package. Cut bacon and onion in cubes and fry together. Then mix all the ingredients together in a baking dish (do not use juice of mushroom or tomatoes). Sprinkle cheese on top and bake for 30 minutes in a moderate oven.

*Recipe courtesy Skinner's.

Meat Loaf

2 pounds ground beef	¼ cup green pepper, chopped
1½ cups 3-Minute Oats*	¼ cup onion, chopped
2 tsp. salt	1 egg
¼ tsp. pepper	1 cup milk or water

Combine ingredients in a large bowl, and mix until they are thoroughly blended. Turn into a medium loaf pan, well greased. Press down lightly. Bake an hour in a moderate oven.

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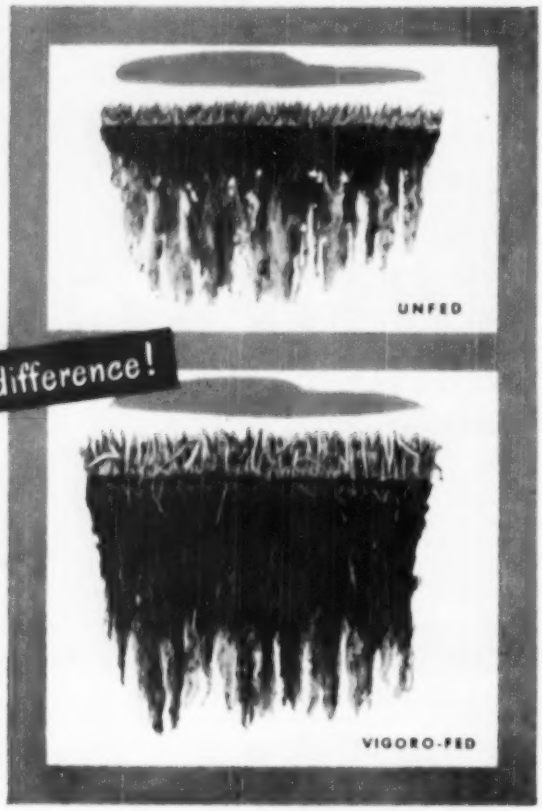

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EXCEPT for time spent in school and abroad, where she has traveled extensively, Mrs. Hillman P. Rodgers has spent her entire life on Davies Plantation near Brunswick, twenty miles from Memphis. Davies Manor — one of Tennessee's loveliest old antebellum homes—serves as a gathering place for her countless friends, among them the members and directors of the many organizations to which she belongs and contributes.

Mrs. Rodgers' capacity for organization has earned her the responsibility of serving, not only as head of the Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, but as an executive of many other civic, educational and religious organizations. Among the offices which she has held are the presidencies of the Tennessee Association for Childhood Education, Memphis Quota Club, Memphis State College Woman's Association and alumni association; personnel chairmanship, Episcopal Church Women's Auxiliary; chairmanship of Red Cross and war bond drives for Shelby County during World War II; corresponding secretaryship, Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs; life membership, National PTA; membership on the Shelby County Girl Scout Board; Organizing Regency of the Zachariah Davies Chapter, D. A. R.

A former professor of elementary education, Mrs. Rodgers holds degrees from George Peabody College for Teachers and Columbia University, where she majored in science, child education and English.

Mrs. Rodgers' active participation in the garden club movement began in 1937 with the organization of the club at Brunswick, which she later served as president. An ardent conservationist, she practices selective cutting on the more than 400 acres of forest on the plantation.

This is the twelfth in a series of sketches of the state garden club presidents in HOLLAND'S South.—The Editors.

How's Your "Luck" with Gladioli?

If it isn't so good, you may need to brush up on the culture of these handsome flowers

THE GLADIOLUS, like the rose, is a flower of which we never tire, one that has an endless number of uses and is relatively easy to grow, yet many of us do not fully understand its culture.

Soils for gladioli should be deep, rich and loamy. If well-rotted barnyard manure is available, use it; otherwise, use a good commercial plant food analyzing about 4-10-4, or the common 4-8-4, at the rate of 4 pounds to each 100 feet of row, or 100 square feet of bed. It is important that all fertilizers, regardless of the kind, be well mixed with the soil to a depth of eight or ten inches.

In the South, there is hardly a month that plantings cannot be made in some section. The great commercial plantings in Florida are made in the fall for mid-winter bloom, but farther north gladioli are usually planted from February to June, with the main plantings in March and early April. These spring plantings seem to give the best results in the mid-South.

Gladioli require from 65 to 95 days to come into bloom, and if plantings are made at two-week intervals throughout the spring months, continuous bloom can be maintained over a long season. While summer plantings do not seem to do as well as spring plantings, they can be successfully made in a semi-shady spot where the soil is deep, and where the plants can be watered during dry periods. If you have such a spot, summer planting is entirely worthwhile.

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While "glads" seem to do well when planted at varying depths, 4 inches—that is with 4 inches of soil above the top of the corms—*is* the right depth in average soil. Late plantings, especially if made in sandy soils, may go an inch or so deeper.

Gladioli use a great quantity of water, and if the blooms and corms are to develop properly, the plants must be watered during dry periods. Since the corms

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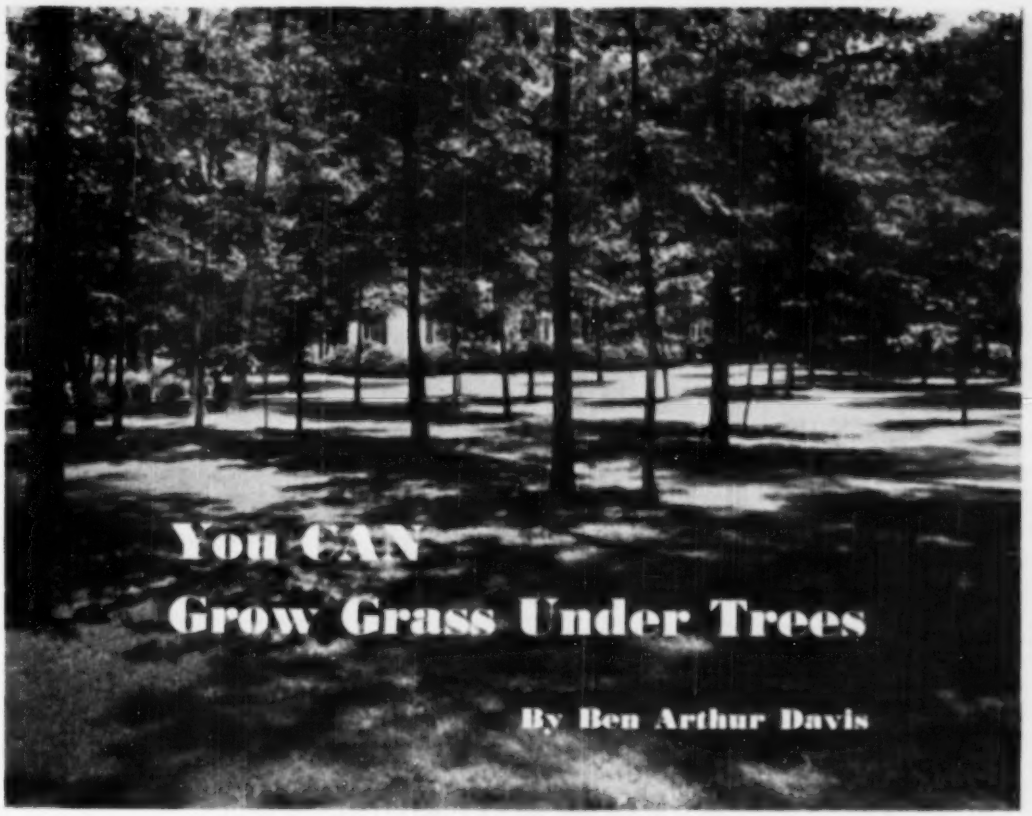

You CAN Grow Grass Under Trees

By Ben Arthur Davis

THERE'S no denying that maintaining a good sod under trees is one of the gardener's big problems, but, in most cases, it is a problem that is easily solved when we understand the causes and effects involved.

We know that regardless of the beauty of the landscape plan, the whole effect will be nullified unless it is supported by a rich, green sod. We know, too, that there is nothing that can so completely destroy the effect of an otherwise perfect lawn than bare and near-bare areas under trees.

While it is true that most plant life requires considerable direct sunlight, we are entirely off track when we accept the popular theory that the main cause of scanty grass under trees is shade. Throw that idea out the window, and you are well on the way toward getting a good stand of grass where it is badly needed.

The principal cause of poor stands of grass under trees is simple starvation—lack of food and moisture. Without proper moisture, the food which is present in the soil cannot be utilized by the grass roots. If the trees have tops sufficiently high to admit a normal amount of light, you can have an excellent sod, even though it gets no direct sunlight.

As a result of numerous experiments made over a period of years, experts have found that the average tree takes up 75 percent of both food and moisture from the area under its branches, and most trees of mature age send their root-systems far beyond the drip of the outer branches into an additional area where from 25 percent to 50 percent of the food and moisture is consumed. Too, bare spots under trees are rendered more sterile by the lack of humus and grass roots, which would normally decay and add to the fertility of the soil.

Many trees form canopies which shed a great part of the rainfall so that it never reaches the area under the branches.

Due to the usual impoverished condition of the soil under the trees, it is better to do a thorough job of renovating before any planting is done. Scatter about two inches of well-decomposed barnyard manure over the area and spade it in to a depth of six or eight inches; then rake to level. If you cannot get barnyard manure, use pulverized sheep manure (about one-half the quantity); failing both, apply four or five pounds of a good commercial fertilizer to 100 square feet of area.

Humus is highly important, and, as a rule, the area under lawn trees is in especial need of it. After the plant food has been worked into the soil, fork in a two-inch layer of leaf mold, peat or some other

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commercial humus. This addition of humus is doubly important if no manure is available. If tree roots are encountered in preparing the soil, it is usually safe to amputate a goodly number of them.

In the higher altitudes of the upper South, Kentucky bluegrass and some of the fescues (particularly Chewing fescue) will give good coverage in light shade. Charles J. Hudson, Jr., who is something of an expert on lawn grasses, as well as on Saintpaulias, says that as far down as the latitude of Macon, Georgia, *Poa trivialis* (rough stalked meadow grass) is giving good results in heavy shade.

Bermuda must be counted out for shady spots—it is strictly a sun-loving grass. Carpet grass will make good growth in medium shade in most sections of the South. Plenty of moisture will give it better color.

Centipede grass is seldom recommended for shady areas, but recent tests have shown that it will do quite well in medium shade. It holds its color well in very dry weather, and requires very little mowing.

For deep shade there are two very good permanent grasses—Saint Augustine and *Zoysia matrella*. Saint Augustine is a coarse grass, but it makes a very nice lawn. It will grow in sun or shade, and its color holds up much better during dry weather than does the color of carpet grass. Given plenty of moisture it forms a brilliant green carpet that does not brown until the hard freezes of mid-winter. In test plantings at Meridian, Mississippi, Saint Augustine has withstood temperature of two degrees above zero with no apparent damage.

Zoysia matrella, which is a lovely grass, makes a perfect sod when well grown, but when it is first planted it requires a bit more attention than most other grasses. The soil for it should be well watered for at least the first year. It may take years to get good coverage with zoysia, but it is well worth waiting for. Centipede, Saint Augustine and zoysia must be planted from cuttings or "sprigs," as seed is not available.

Growing grass under trees boils down to the matter of food and drink. Prepare the soil well, enrich it thoroughly, add plenty of humus, plant a shade-loving grass and keep it amply supplied with both food and water and you'll be pleasantly surprised at the excellent coverage you get under the heaviest shade on your grounds.

Garden Rambles

with Ben Arthur Davis

THE Rio Grande Valley Chamber of Commerce recently sponsored a "plant-a-shrub" week. Garden clubs, beautification commissions and civic organizations in each locality were requested to sponsor a local one- or two-day drive during the week. A definite price was established by all participating dealers and most stock was placed in one-gallon cans to facilitate handling. The large number of plants sold is indicated by the fact that the two garden clubs at Harlingen sold more than 1000. This is an idea that many communities could adopt to their benefit.

EVEN as a very mature adult (I hope my second childhood has not been reached yet), I enjoy Horatio Alger success stories, especially when they concern figures in the plant world. Take the case of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Thompson of Ellerson, Virginia, who began business in the dark days of the depression with a $35 down payment on an old nursery site. Today, after sixteen years of hard work, they have a nursery of more than 50 acres, on which some 280 varieties of chrysanthemums are grown and which is said to be the world's largest nursery devoted solely to wholesaling chrysanthemums.

AT a recent meeting of the Men's Garden Club of the Southeast, the following regional officers were elected: Charles J. Hudson, Jr. of Atlanta, Georgia, president; Fred Allen of Memphis, Tennessee, secretary-treasurer; Dr. J. R. Vallotton of Florida, Hugh Shackleford of Georgia, Al Alleman of Louisiana, Woodson K. Jones of Mississippi, G. O. Randall of North Carolina, Cecil Morris of South Carolina and Dr. E. M. Edington of Tennessee, state vice-presidents. On the board of directors are S. M. Mixon of Gainesville, Florida; P. D. Resser of Marietta, Georgia; J. Marshall Boyce of Columbia, South Carolina; M. C. Greeley of Jacksonville, Florida, and yours truly. There is now a total of 23 clubs in this regional organization, and there are many men's clubs which are not yet affiliated.

FLOWERS seem to succeed where erudite diplomacy fails. It is reported that the heretofore impenetrable iron curtain has been lifted by the Florist Telegraph Delivery Association, and that all Germany, including the Soviet sector, now has the benefit of the unrestricted floral service. If you wish to "wire" flowers to Germany, just consult your local FTD representative.

MUCH valuable express is now handled by air transport, and flowers shipped from the growing point to distant distributing centers are daily cargoes. But a new use has been found for this type of rapid transportation—enterprising seedsmen now receive large shipments of pansy seed by air direct from the growers in Switzerland. The Roggi is one of the varieties, seed of which are being shipped by air.

FOR many years, when roses were mentioned on the west coast, the name of John A. Armstrong, executive vice-president of Armstrong Nurseries, Ontario, California, and a past president of the American Association of Nurserymen, came to mind. Now his name commands attention on a national, if not an international, level. His success in hybridizing and developing new roses is supported by such magnificent All-American Award winners as Sutter's Gold, Tally-ho, Forty-Niner, Taffeta, Pinkie, Nocturne, High Noon, Mirandy, Charlotte Armstrong and The Chief. Quite an imposing array to come from the hands of one individual or organization. Some of these roses have received international acclaim.

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are several inches under the surface, thorough watering is called for.

In cutting gladioli spikes for the house, be careful not to cut them too low. Most growers recommend that at least four leaves be left to mature the corms.

When the tops have turned brown (you need not wait until all the green color has left the stems), dig the corms. You will find that the corm planted the previous spring has decayed, but on top of it there will be a fresh new one. Around the base of the corms, you will find the cormlets (little corms). These cormlets can be saved and planted the following spring.

The general practice is to dig the corms and leave them in the shade to dry for a few days, then remove the tops and store the corms in shallow trays in the cellar or place them in boxes of sand or peat moss. But there seems to be an increasing tendency among home gardeners to leave the corms in the ground for two or three years, then dig, separate and replant them. If this practice is followed, the plants should be well fertilized each spring by working fertilizer into the soil along the sides of the row or into the bed.

While "glads" are grown primarily for cut flowers, we should not overlook their possibilities as bedding plants. Most of them, and especially those varieties which have a tendency to open all their buds at one time, give magnificent color effects when planted in clumps or masses.

When it comes to varieties, there is hardly an end to the worthwhile ones. The following list represents the newer popular-priced varieties which have been grown in test gardens of the members of the Men's Garden Club of America and found to be generally satisfactory. Cream: Leading Lady, White Gold, Lady Jane, Shirley Temple, Corona. Buff: Helen of Troy, Bingo. Lavender: Elizabeth, Huntress, Lavender Prince, Badger Beauty. Orange: Rio Rita, Lantana. Pink: Ethel Cave Cole, Marion Pearl, Pandora, Rosa Van Lima, Big Top, Candy Heart, California. Rose: Miss Wisconsin, Magnolia, Oregon Rose, Glamis, Silvery Teton. Red: Commander Koehl, Red Charm, Algonquin, Beacon, Black Opal. Yellow: Crinkle Cream, Mother Kadel, Golden State, Spotlight. Purple: King Lear, Purple Supreme. Blue: Blue Beauty. Smoky: Flying Fortress, Misty Dawn, High Finance. White: Snow Princess, Margaret Beaton, Silver Wings. Salmon: Picardy, King William, Ogarita, Bengosi.

Getting Ready for the Show

How you cut and handle your flowers has a lot to do with your chances of bringing home a blue ribbon

By WILLIAM LANIER HUNT, F.R.H.S.

IT'S show time again, and gardeners all over the country are getting their flowers ready for the big event. If you have never exhibited before, don't let that bother you. The rules are not difficult to follow, and old hands will tell you that they have had blue ribbons snatched from under their noses by rank amateurs.

Remember, your chances of getting a ribbon depend just as much upon following the rules as they do upon the quality of your flowers. If you are hazy on rules, study the new edition of "The Handbook for Flower Shows,"* put out last year by the National Council.

Daffodils, Tulips and Pansies

Of course, the exhibits in the earliest shows, after the winter camellia shows are over, will be mostly made up of daffodils, early tulips and pansies. To prepare daffodils for exhibition, carry some water around with you in the garden as you gather the buds and put each stem into the water the minute you cut it. Otherwise, the sap will run out. Daffodils (narcissi of all kinds) should be gathered just as soon as the little paper covers over the flowers split and the blossoms begin to unfold.

Store them in a dark, cool place to hold them back and to preserve their color. Warmth and a half light will make them open. If full light touches them before they reach the show they tend to fade. This is especially true of "pink" varieties. If you have never exhibited daffodils before, experiment with some early ones before the week of the show. The scale of points for judging narcissi awards more points for "form," and for "substance and texture" than it does for color, size or stem.

The scale for tulips lays great stress upon substance. Of course, length of stem is important, but in some seasons here in the South, there is a sudden hot spell which opens these flowers with short stems, so

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Ready for the Show

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it is lucky for the exhibitor that length is not too important. Tulips are easy to handle. If they bloom too soon for the shows, they can be held back for quite some time in cold storage. On the other hand, only a few hours in deep water after they are cut will get them ready for the show.

In pansies it is brilliance of colors, size and form that get the most points from judges. One sees many "displays" of pansies in shows because they lend themselves so well to this type of exhibition. "Arrangement and effect" enters the field of judging here, as well as horticultural perfection. But be sure that you do not confuse a "display" with a "collection," in which arrangement and effect do not count at all. This mistake gives judges a headache and disappoints many exhibitors.

Irises

To exhibit irises, cut the stalks as long as you can, making an inch-long slanting cut. Cut them the night before the show and store them in deep water at ordinary room temperature. Do not put them into cold storage, which might keep the buds from opening by judging time. Irises need full light—but not direct sunlight—in order to open.

Since the flowers are fragile and will be damaged by so much as touching anything, it is absolutely necessary to keep the stalks apart. One way of accomplishing this in transit is to punch holes in the top of a very large cardboard box, big enough to accommodate the longest stalks up to the first branch, and stick the stalks through. Space the holes just far enough apart to keep the flowers from touching.

Some exhibitors wrap very soft cotton batting about each bud in the morning just before it opens and take it off after the irises are placed in the show. However, if the show is not well lighted and you do not get there early, this practice involves the chance that your flowers may not expand and color up completely by judging time. Quality, color and condition are most important to an iris judge.

Peonies

Peonies are very obliging flowers to exhibit because of their willingness to remain dormant in cold storage for quite some time. The blossoms, however, are subject to damage in transit. To obviate this, peony fanciers place bags over their most promising looking buds about a week before they expect them to open. On the day the buds are ready to open—as indicated by feeling of them through the bags—they cut them and place them in cold

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Two days before the show, re-cut the stems on a one-inch slant and put the buds in deep water. Take more than you intend to use to the show and, after you have opened them up and removed the paper sacks, exhibit the best ones. It is well to label the buds when you sack them and to use half-pound brown paper bags. You will be amazed by the perfection of peonies treated this way—especially by the color, the item on the judging scale which wins the most points.

Roses

Roses for exhibition should be cut the night before the show and put in deep water that covers two-thirds of the stems. Take some water into the garden with you as suggested for daffodils, and put each rose into the water as soon as you cut it. The specimens selected should have absolutely perfect foliage, good stems (but don't murder your bushes to get them) and should be in the bud stage which observation has taught you will open the next day.

Before you start for the show, wrap each bud or opening flower in wax paper. The ideal condition of flowers is one-third of the way open when they arrive at the show. Take along more than you will use and discard all weak-necked flowers and those which are not absolutely perfect in foliage and stem! No matter how carefully you make your selections in cutting, you will find dozens of little things wrong with your specimens when you arrive at the show! Ribbon-getting points for roses are rather well distributed among the points that make for perfect roses. Form and color each get 25 points, substance and "stem and foliage" each get 20 and size gets 10. The depth of green of your rose foliage will show up under the light of the show. Light, yellow-green foliage will lose out in competition with a healthy, dark green.

It takes a little experience with cut flowers to catch onto their main requirements. The worst enemies of either flower arrangements in the house or cut specimens for the show are drafts and high temperatures. The least draft will spoil them for showing, and heat will hasten their deterioration. Always cut and prepare twice as many specimens as you intend to use, for your critical eye will eliminate a surprising number when they arrive at the show.

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Perennials that were not divided last fall need immediate attention if they are to be separated this season. Also check the phloxes, daisies, physostegia and chrysanthemums that are showing growth now.

Now is a good time to start work on your roses in order to prevent black spot from getting a head start. The rose experiment station at Tyler, Texas, has developed a copper-sulphur dust—1 part copper dust to 9 parts sulphur—that has proved very effective and is not at all expensive. Your seed store may have the material already prepared. Dust the plants every ten days to keep out the disease.

To produce giant flowers, the exhibition dahlias must be well-planted. Dig the hole 20 inches deep and place several inches of enriched soil in the bottom. Then add a thin layer of unfertilized soil and place the tuber on top. Fill with good topsoil, and don't forget to feed several times during spring and summer. If you store tubers in the refrigerator (avoid freezing them, of course) and plant in late May or June, you will have better fall flowers.

March is a busy month in the food plot. In the Southeast you can plant nearly anything this month. In the upper zone, plant onions, turnips, lettuce, tendergreens, mustard, collards and potatoes. Farther south you can also plant peas, beans, cucumbers, squash and melons; and put out plants of peppers, eggplants and tomatoes.

FOR THE SOUTHWEST

If you have beds properly protected by overhead glass, start some tomatoes for an early crop. Keep them under glass until frost is gone and then set them outside. Deeply set and well mulched, they should bear fine fruits over a long period. Make certain you set them where tomatoes never grew before.

Since lime is an alkaline earth rather than a chemical, it combines to release other plant nutrients when used properly. Some acid-loving plants—azaleas, camellias, rhododendrons, kalmias, laurels and gardenias, for example—abhor lime. It is very worthwhile to buy a testing kit or take a small amount of your soil to a laboratory for testing. After the degree of alkalinity or acidity is determined by the tests, you can then add the lacking nutrients. It is a mistake to spread lime over the entire garden before determining whether you will use acid-loving or alkaline-loving plants. This mistake may be the reason you don't have "luck" with flowers.

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spading every available green material into the soil. Running this material through the compost pile before using it also increases its value.

Excessive acidity prevents nitrogens from becoming available to the plants. When this situation occurs, it is necessary to use lime or some of the more alkaline plant foods. But it is best to know exactly where this excess of acidity is reached before you use lime, and that is the time to rely on your testing kit.

Mice often destroy valuable seeds at this season. Storing seeds in glass jars eliminates this possibility and using perforated lids gives the seeds the necessary air.

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Peonies are beginning to come up now. As soon as they are 4 to 6 inches out of the ground, spray them with Bordeaux mixture. If you haven't fed them for a long time, stir 2 tablespoonfuls of complete fertilizer in a gallon of water and pour this mixture around the crowns in a circle about 6 inches from the stems. It will give them a little spring pep. Come May, feed the clumps with a double handful of bone meal and cottonseed meal (half-and-half mixture), or with half that amount of balanced plant food. Stir it lightly into the soil about 6 or 8 inches away from the stems. Deep cultivation may destroy feeder roots.

Now is the time to consider phlox for your midsummer garden. Although phloxes get mildew and suffer from summer droughts, they can still provide the main show in a perennial border if you give them water and dust them a little. Don't make the mistake of setting out the little seedling phloxes that have come up in beds. Nearly all of them will be magenta pink. These perennials, like many others that spread, should be divided every three years because they use up their food and become too crowded to make any showing after the second year. They like plenty of food. Lime their soil when you divide them and give them a little cow manure.

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PETER PAINTER was peering through the rails of a pig pen. He was watching a pig having a tantrum. He was jumping off the ground, one loud squeal with each jump, and each jump higher than the last.

"What's the matter?" called Peter Painter.

"It's March the seventeenth!" snorted the Pig. "That's what's the matter!"

"So it is," laughed Peter Painter, "but what's about it to make you so excited?"

"It's Saint Patrick's Day!" squealed the pig. "That's what's about it."

"I know it's Saint Patrick's Day. But why does that throw you into a fit?"

"My name is Paddy Pig! I am Irish!"

"My name is Peter Painter, and I am glad to make your acquaintance," he said politely. "I have always admired the Irish!"

"Have you now? Have you indeed? Well, I'll bet there's a Saint Patrick's parade going on not far from here."

"I love a parade!" declared Peter Painter.

"Ah, a Saint Patrick's Day parade is a thing of beauty. The wearing of the green by everybody." Paddy Pig rolled his button-black eyes and twisted his curlycue tail tighter. "Green shamrocks, green high hats, green flags. And here I am, Irish as a white potato, shut up in a pig pen. Me, Paddy Pig, without so much as a speck of Irish green on me."

Peter Painter was sorry. He decided to do something about it. "What time," he asked, "does the farmer eat his dinner?"

"I can't tell time," said Paddy Pig. "But it's when the sun shines so straight above me that I do not make a shadow."

The Adventures of PETER PAINTER

"That's noon and now!" cried Peter Painter. "I've something to do! I'll see you later."

Peter Painter hurried across the barnyard to the farmhouse. He hid behind the kitchen steps. Soon he heard the farmer say to his wife, "I am going to drive you into the town right after dinner so you can see the Saint Patrick's parade. It's going to

be a good one." That was all Peter Painter waited to hear. He ran back to the pig pen.

"Hey, Paddy Pig! There's going to be a Saint Patrick's Day parade in the town!"

"Hurrah for the Irish!" Paddy Pig turned a somersault on the ground that landed him in his water trough.

"Guggle-gug," he choked and sputtered. "I can't swim. I'm drowning."

Peter Painter pulled him out by his curlycue tail. "Just look at you now! You got disty when you turned a somersault, and the dirt turned into mud when you fell in the water. You're a disgrace to the Irish."

"I will get clean, Peter Painter—clean as clean."

"How?"

"By taking a bath."

"Where?"

"In the water trough."

"But you said you can't swim."

"I will keep my head above water while I wash myself," Paddy Pig explained as he climbed into the trough and began to wash.

Peter Painter went into the barn to look for things for Paddy Pig to wear that would make him look Irish.

He found an old hat. He found a white napkin. He fastened the napkin to a thin straight piece of kindling wood. All these he carried to the clover field. There he sat down. He had to make the things he had found look Irish.

He tore the brim from the hat till almost all that was left was the high crown. He set it on the clover. Beside it he laid the piece of kindling wood to which he had fastened the napkin. He dipped a paint brush into his pot of Irish-green paint on his paintpot-tray which swung from his shoulder by a stout leather shoestring.

He painted the hat and the napkin Irish-green. Then he picked a big green clover and laid it on his paintpot-tray. Then he ran back to the pig pen.

Paddy Pig was standing in the sun drying himself after his bath. Sure enough, he was just as clean as clean could be.

Peter Painter opened the gate to the pig pen. "Come here!" he called to Paddy Pig. Paddy Pig came.

Peter Painter hung the Irish-green high-hat on Paddy Pig's left ear at a very jaunty angle. He tucked the handle of the Irish-green flag under Paddy Pig's foreleg. He stuck the big green clover through the crook in Paddy Pig's curlycue tail. Then he cried, "Paddy Pig, can you walk on your hind legs?"

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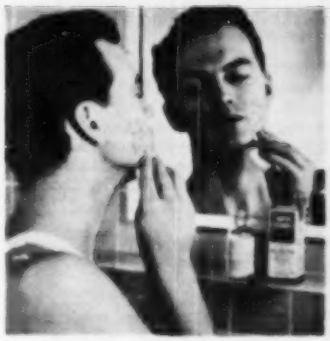

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Paddy Pig Leads the Parade

(Continued from page 57)

"With an Irish-green high-hat and an Irish-green flag and a shamrock tucked in the crook of my curlycue tail," declared Paddy Pig, "I could fly like a bird." He jumped up and down and waved his forelegs as though he were a bird getting ready to fly.

"You do not need to fly like a bird," laughed Peter Painter, "but in a St. Patrick's Day parade, you do have to walk on your hind legs so you can wave your Irish-green flag and tip your Irish-green hat to the people."

"Blessed be the name of Saint Patrick! Lead on, Peter Painter."

Peter Painter led the way to the farmer's car. There he climbed into the trunk compartment, and pulled Paddy Pig in beside him. The farmer started the car. They were off to the town the parade was in. The farmer didn't know that Paddy was in the car until he got to town, but when Paddy climbed out, all clean and dressed up, the farmer was so proud he didn't scold him.

Paddy Pig led the parade. He walked on his hind legs. He waved his flag, and tipped his high hat to the people.

The people laughed. They clapped their hands. They shouted. Peter Painter followed the parade until he was tired. Then he went back to the car, climbed into the trunk compartment, and decided to wait for Paddy Pig to come when the parade was over. He felt a lump under his leg. He moved his leg and looked at it. "Well, if this isn't luck! Just the thing for Paddy Pig when he comes back from the parade. After all that frolicking and the long ride back to the farm, he will be a very tired, very hungry little pig."

What Peter Painter had found was an Irish potato.

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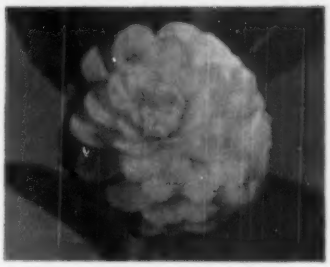

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Brilliant—Full double, brilliant red. Midseason.
Brooklyana—Semi-double, pink mottled white.
Clark's Red—Double red, very large. Early.
Cameo Pink—Full double, large light pink. Mid-season.
Chandleri—Medium size, thick petals type, solid deep pink. Late.
Countess of Orkney—Very double, light pink striped red. Early.
Candidissima—Imbricated, white.
Dark Cheerful—Full double, rose. Midseason.
Dixie—Large, full double, rosy pink. Early.
Elizabeth—Very double, pure white, crinkled petals.
Jarvis Red—Semi-double, deep blood red, with golden stamens.
Kilmacteneia—Open petals type, orange red striped or blotched white.
Lady Campbell—Full double, medium size, light red. Midseason to late.
Mission Bells—Rose with golden stamens.
Old Rose—Peony form, bright rose.
Otome—Like Pink Perfection but larger, petal edges lighter shell pink.
Pussy Rose—Old rose, very double.
Pink Perfection—Very double, clear shell pink, tallest form. Early.
Pugo Plus—Very double, scarlet. Midseason.
Prof. S. S. Sargent—Very dark peony form, medium size, solid crimson.
Rise Gee Flours—Semi-double, rose and white.
Rose Dory—Peony form, medium size, crimson. Early.
Sarah Frost—Full double, medium size, rose red. Midseason to late.
T. K. Variegated—Semi-double, pink with deeper rose markings. Midseason.

Prices on Standard Camellias

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Aunties Pink—Semi-double pink, medium size. Midseason to late.
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Anadelia—White, large single. Early.
Albina Flora—Late, semi-double red.
Alabama Variegated—Semi-double salmon pink and white. Midseason.
Arigishi (Alaska)—Early, peony type, similar to Pink Perfection, red.
Asperia—Large variegated Emperor of Russia, semi-double red with white blotches. Early.
Adolphe Audusson—Large, double, bright salmon red.
Alba Superba—Large, semi-double, white.
Amoebilis Variegated—Medium size flower, shape light rose with deep rose stripes.
Anna Lochini—Variegated rose and white, semi-double. Late.
Angelo de Nantes—Large red, semi-double. Early.
Bella Angelita—Light purple, flecked with white.
Black Prince—Blackish color, semi-double rose red stamens. Late.
Coth Rosea—Semi-double, bright pink with golden stamens. Midseason to late.
Comte de Gomer—Double, pure white flecked pink.
Cleopatra—Early double red, spotted white. Rarely late.
Cup of Beauty Tame de Beau—Midseason. Semi-double, pink.
Carnation—Early bright red.
C. M. Hovey—Double, large, red mottled white.
Colotti Marotata—Peony form, deep red marbled white.
Col. Firey—Very large and double, dark crimson.
Capriice—White semi-double petals frilled and ruffled.
Dante—Medium size pure white, full double. Mid-season.
Daikagoro—Semi-double, deep pink. Very early.
Debutante—Large, loose peony type, light pink.
Daikagoro Red—Early solid red.
Eleanor Haygood—Large delicate pale pink. Late.
Eleanor of Toronto—Large opaque mottled lemon-yellow with white. Midseason.
Elizabeth Boardman—Large semi-double white. Midseason late.
Emperor of Russia—Large, peony form, scarlet.
Empress—Semi-double, very large, deep pink.
Elise Wickenoy—Large, light pink purple. Early.
Empress of India—Turkey red, semi-double. Early.
Fancy Belle—Large, semi-double, red blotched white.
Fragil—Double white, pink, or variegated white and pink. Midseason.
Flame—Large semi-double, bright fair deep red.
Glen 40—Large, rose double, deep red.
Gashagurama—Large, semi-double, deep red.
Gigantea (Magnolia Alba)—Very large, semi-double, red and white. Late.
Governor Mouton—Large, cherry red with white. Midseason.
H. A. Downing—Very large, semi-double, rose red.
Hibiscus—Large, deep pink, single. Early to midseason.
Imura—Very large semi-double, mauve, spreading.
Imperator—Late, Christmas-red, peony type. Semi-double.
I Tsunomi (Laurel Leaf)—Imbricated deep pink, mottled white. Upright growth.
Jenny Lind—Pure white, occasional red stripes.
Kumonoba—Large, peony form, blooms of deep pink.
Kumonoba Variegated—Large peony form, deep pink spotted white.
Lovia Fourrie—Large, fully rose, tinted with lilac, semi-double. Late.
Lalibela—Medium, clear rich red with white blotches, semi-double. Late.
Lady Hemes Bloch—Off white, medium sized, double.
Lady Vaz Billiet—Large semi-double deep pink.
Mathotiana Rosea—Large pink, imbricated. Late.
Motoskaza—Full double, rose-red sprinkled white, also all white. Late.
Mme. Fenelline—Double, deep pink, vigorous. Midseason to late.
Marchioness of Exeter—Large peony type, pink.
Mathotiana Variegated (C. M. Hovey)—Early.
Margherita Coltonia—Medium size, frilled spotted white.
Mrs. Charles Cook—Large, semi-double, dark red.
Mrs. William Thompson—Large, semi-double, white.
Nagasaki—Very large, semi-double, white to rose-pink.
Nobilissima—Medium sized white peony form. Early.
Purity—Midseason white, full double.
Purple Dawn—Large, rose lavender, deep red blotching, purple at edge.
Pink Herme—Same formation as Herme, but solid pink.
Pink Shell—Medium sized pink and deeper pink center. Late.
Rainy Sun—Large, semi-double red.
Rosecord John G. Drayton—Medium size, semi-double, peony type, soft rose pink.
Rose Dawn—Large very double, rose pink.
Rose—Semi-double, rose with golden stamens.
Ruha Virginalis—Large pink flecked with rose. Mid-season.
Smiling Beauty—Semi-double, delicate pink.
Snowdrift—Semi-double, white with yellow stamens.
Scarlett O'Hara—Brilliant red, flecked white.
Sacrali Vera—Large, semi-double, pink marked white.
Valerian—Large, loose peony form, deep red.
White Swan—Medium sized white, delicate. Late.
Woodville Red—Medium, red color, peony shaped.

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Donckelari—Large, semi-double, brick-red. Flecked white. Early.
Firegold—Very large loose petals, dark red mottled white, with mass of golden stamens. Midseason.
Lady Jane Grey (Eugene Lizzi)—Double to loose peony form, pink and white. Early.
Lindsay Neill—Large, semi-double, deep red, with white blotches. Early.
Lady Hill—Semi-double mauve pink. Late.
Lotus (Grandiflora Alba)—Huge semi-double white. Medium late.
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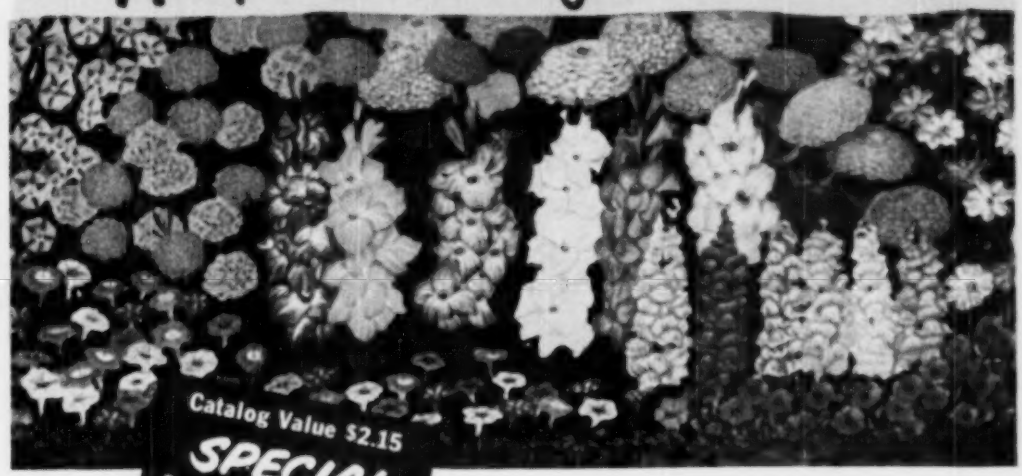

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